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## Social media update



# HEADLINE



We buy the FirstNews paper for the KS2 library each week. This week there is an article which is an important issue to discuss. Year 6 used their reading session to discuss their use of social media and discussed the benefits, negatives, how much time they spend online, how adults use social media and much more!

Much of what they discussed was positive. Children were able to see the huge benefits that being online and social media can have. They were able to say what they should do if they come across something they're not happy with and most children said they have spoken to their parents about how to stay safe online and when using social media. They also learnt that some parents keep the password for devices from their children so that they know exactly what their children are doing online.

However, there were also some less positive things that we learnt through our discussion:

- Despite the recommended age for using social media sites being **13+**, **23 children** said they use at least one site regularly (Facebook, SnapChat, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, Musically etc)
- **23 children** claimed they are online for **more than 2 hours every school day**
- **17 children** claimed they are online for **more than 3 hours every school day**
- **8 children** claimed they are online for **more than 5 hours every school day**
- **18 children** said they think they spend **too much time online**
- **12 children** admitted they think they spend too much time online **but don't know how to stop (some say the warmer nights will cut this down)**
- **11 children** said they have **constant access** to a device that lets them get online (phone, tablet, laptop, Xbox, PlayStation)
- When playing games online, **some children** have played as part of a group with **someone they don't know**
- **8 children** admitted that they have **talked to someone online that they didn't know (they discussed how everyone can make a mistake but the best thing to do would be to block the person and tell our parents about the incident)**

They discussed how it is not just children that are affected by the things we discuss. Adults are just as vulnerable online! And, **19 children** in Year 6 said they think **their parents spend too much time on their phones, tablets and laptops!** Obviously the data above is not 100% reliable as it was just discussion from our pupils in Y6 but it is interesting to hear the children discuss this topic with complete honesty and great maturity. **Please discuss this with your child – it's so important for this generation!**

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## Easter Activities Reminder

Here is a reminder about our Easter activities:

- **Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1** Make an Easter bonnet for our parade on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Make a full brim flowery bonnet, decorate a visor with rabbit-ears or keep it simple and make a paper plate hat! Entries can be brought in from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Lower Key Stage 2** Pull a humble egg from the darkness of your fridge and let it have its moment in the spotlight! Dip it, dye it, create an animal or even a superhero! Entries must be no bigger than the size of a small shoebox please and can be brought in from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Upper Key Stage 2** For children in Years 5 and 6 we would like you to send in photographs of you making a delicious Easter treat complete with a list of ingredients and the recipe to go with it (you could even send in the finished product if you haven't already eaten it!)
- Come along to the **Easter bonnet parade** on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am (parade at 11am) and enjoy refreshments at the Cheadle Heath café.
- We are having an **Easter egg raffle** this week for the children and also one at the Easter bonnet parade for parents. £1 a strip of 5 or 25p a ticket.

## Term Dates Update

Thank you to everyone who responded to the school story message about Christmas 2018 term dates. An overwhelming 86% of parents who responded were in favour of moving the term dates to Friday – Friday as opposed to finishing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and returning on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. As the rest of the Edgeley cluster of schools, including Stockport Academy, are adopting on this proposed pattern, I will be presenting this data to Governors at their full Governing Board meeting on Wednesday when the 2018/19 calendar and INSET days will be set. I will report the outcome to you in the next newsletter.

### It's in the news!

[More pupils take term-time holidays, data shows](#)

[Northern children 'too often left behind', says commissioner](#)

[More than a third of parents do not think homework is helpful for primary school children, report finds](#)

### Did you know ...

With the new GDPR Regulations coming into force in May we are looking at the data protection procedures we currently have in place. This includes reviewing lots of paperwork and procedures including how we sign in and out of school for all staff, pupils and visitors.

## New Website

We will shortly be launching a new school website. I am currently working on uploading classes and teachers will be working on populating their class pages in the summer term. There will be galleries of photographs, contact details, governors' pages, policies etc. that can all be accessed from the tabs on the home page. When the website is live I will let you know the new domain and give instructions how you can have a fully interactive app version on your phone.

## Congratulations...

...to Y5 teacher Mrs Ismail who announced her first pregnancy this week. Mrs Ismail will start maternity leave over the summer so will be with her class until the end of the year.

## Have a lovely Easter,

Christine Meekley & the staff at CHPS

## Remaining Spring Term 2018 diary dates

Date	Event	Who for
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Workshop: <b>Keeping your child safe online 2 – 3 pm</b>	All parents invited
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Amethyst Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Y3 Amethyst parents
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Rearranged SATs meeting for Year 2 parents at 5.30pm	Y2 parents
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Board meeting 4pm	Governors
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish at 2pm for Easter holidays	
<b>Easter Holidays ~ Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term 2018 begins	Everyone!