



Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

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Welcome to your weekly newsletter, I hope you have had a good first whole week back. There has certainly been a hive of activity and so much engaging learning taking place in school. Our new learning themes are underway and already I have seen many role models in my office wanting to show me how proud they are of their efforts.



Homework

- We are continuing with our spelling program this term, you will have noticed we have made a change in the practice task. We would like the children to put the words for the week in a sentence and record in their spelling books (Years 1-3) and in their homework books (Years 4-6).
- Reading, reading, reading! Please continue to read each night and record in the reading records. We are checking these once a week to encourage our children to keep up their efforts.
- Maths – Children in Years 3-6 should practice their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS), children in Year 2 can also have a go at using TTRS focusing on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children in Year 1 and also Year 2 we urge to use the 'One Minute Maths' app (White Rose) as a way of consolidating and practising their maths skills.
- Earhart Class – you will see that a new homework book is coming home, do have a look at the KS2 activities in there.

Families in Paddington and Attenborough Class please see the additional e mail about our reading systems in school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Bancroft



Online Safety Newsletter

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WhatsApp

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp.

WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages, voice notes, photos and videos.

What should I be aware of?

Group chats: One of the key features is the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Location sharing: you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

Blocking/Reporting: Show your child how to block and report other users or inappropriate content. You can find out how to do it based on your child's device here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Further information

NSPCC provide further advice and tips to help keep your child safe:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

New devices

If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls?



Consoles

All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with. Find out the specific settings below:

- **PlayStation:** <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

- **Xbox:** <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

- **Nintendo Switch:**

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>



Mobiles/Tablets

You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access. Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.

- **Apple devices:** <https://www.apple.com/uk/families/>

- **Android devices:** <https://families.google/familylink/>

Further information

Internet Matters provide a checklist here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe>

LEGO Fortnite – PEGI 7

Lego Fortnite is free to play (in game purchases are available though). The game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning that the content is suitable for children over the age of 7. However, you should be aware that this game can be played with up to seven people (or solo). Lego Fortnite is only accessible on Fortnite, so you must download the main game. When setting up an account, if your child is under the age of 13, then they will be given a 'cabin account,' therefore certain features will be disabled (such as communicating with other players) unless you override them.

Please ensure you set the parental controls as appropriate for your child, we also recommend setting the appropriate settings on the console itself.

There are two worlds available - Survival or Sandbox, you can find out more about each world here so you can decide which would be best for your child:

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/themes/fortnite/lego-fortnite-parents-guide>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.01.24.

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13 (however, children of all ages may use the Service and YouTube Kids if enabled by a parent/legal guardian).

What if my child is under the age of 13?

If your child is under the age of 13 then your child should use either YouTube Kids or a Supervised Account. Which option you choose, will depend on your child's age and your requirements.



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age you select:

- Preschool (ages four and under)
- Younger (ages 5–8)
- Older (ages 9–12)

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube. You can select one of the following options, again depending on your child's age and your requirements:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+.
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google has created a table to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

Posting videos

You should be over 13 to post videos. If your child does post videos on YouTube, ensure they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. Talk to them about the different settings available -

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

How can I make YouTube safer?

- **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can **talk to you** if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.

- **Restricted mode** - is an additional setting (when logged in via a Google account) to restrict the availability of mature content.

- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content/comments**.

Find out more here: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027>.

A Guide to the Online Safety Bill

The Online Safety Bill is a new set of laws to protect people online. The laws will make social media companies more responsible for the safety of their users on their platforms. The Government have created a guide to the new laws detailing how the laws will protect children and adults. For example, the new laws mean social media companies will have to show how they are enforcing age limits.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/a-guide-to-the-online-safety-bill>

YouTube Content Warning

The INEQE Safeguarding Group have published a report warning about the YouTube cartoon series called Jeffy. Due to the content being animated, viewers may believe that it is suitable for children to watch when in fact the content is inappropriate. You can find out more here:

<https://ineqe.com/2023/11/09/safeguarding-update-youtube-cartoon-jeffy>

World Events

There are a lot of distressing events happening around the world, which your child may see online. Childnet have published an article discussing how you can support your child when they see something worrying or upsetting online. The article also directs you to other organisations that you can contact if you require further help and support:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/navigating-violent-online-content-from-global-events/>

Census Day Lunch

It is Census Day on Thursday 18th January and Aspens have created a special magic menu, see menu attached.

Wild Tribe

Attenborough class will have wild tribe every Wednesday afternoon throughout the first half of the Spring term. Wellies and waterproofs will be required each week.

National Child Measurement Program for Reception and Year 6

The school nursing team will be at Warbstow on Wednesday 17th January to undertake the height and weight checks for pupils in Reception and Year 6 as part of the National Child Measurement Program. If you do not want your child to be measured you will need to opt-out using the relevant link below by Sunday 14th January.

<https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-reception-year/> - for Reception pupils

<https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-year-6/> - for Year 6 pupils

Dates

16th Jan – Autism Spectrum Café

17th Jan – National Child Measurements for Reception and Year 6

18th Jan – Census Day – Special lunch menu

7th Feb – Aladdin at TRP

9th Feb - INSET

12th-16th Feb– Half Term

7th Mar – World Book Day

28th Mar – Rescheduled – Earhart Class visit to Bude Golf Club

29th Mar-12th Apr – Easter Break

15th Apr – INSET Day

27th -31st May – Half Term

7th June – Community Cohesion Day, school closed for pupils

26th -28th June – Y5/6 residential trip to YHA Okehampton

24th July – Last day of term