



Churchfield News

Summer 1 Week 3 – Friday 26th April 2024

Upcoming Diary Dates

- W/C Mon 29th Apr – After School Clubs Start
- Wed 1st May – Y1 Trip to Armley Mill
- Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday
- Tues 7th May – FREE Y6 SATs Breakfast Club Starts (2 weeks)
- Fri 10th May – Y3 & Y5 Virtual Reality Experience
- **W/C Mon 13th May – Y6 SATs**

Y6 SATs

Y6 SATs are fast approaching and start W/C Monday 13th May. There'll be a **FREE** breakfast club for all year 6 the week before, and the week of SATs (Tues 7th to Fri 17th May). There's no need to book, and this will be held in the Y6 unit. In terms of other year groups, in June there is the Y4 Times Table Test, and the Y1 Phonics Screening.

After-School Clubs

After-school clubs start W/C 29th April (next week). Please remember to check where your child's club is, as Rugby, Table Tennis & Football on Monday's all take place at the Dorothy Hyman.

Bookings have now closed for all clubs, please contact a member of the office team if you would like to add your child on to any clubs (subject to availability).

We're also now looking to gather feedback on after-school clubs for next year, so that we can continue to improve our offer for parents. A separate letter has been sent out with information and a link to a short survey. We'd love to hear what else you would like to see! (the link is also here: <https://forms.office.com/e/IdprTS9x2B>)

2024-25 Classes

Over the next couple of months, we'll be looking at classes and teachers for next year. As a rule of thumb, all classes move up as they are, unless we feel that a year group would benefit from being mixed up.

Mrs Dixon & Mrs Nelson

Just a quick reminder that Mrs Dixon now works for Waterton 3 days each week, helping to set up their specialist provisions. These days can change each week, but as a rule of thumb she'll usually be in school every Wednesday. Mrs Nelson's working days are usually Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Crossing Patrol

The post for our school crossing patrol vacancy is now live on the Barnsley Council website. If you know anyone who is interested, please ask them to apply <https://barnsley.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/6177/0/426325/1042/school-crossing-patrol-cudworth-churchfield-22-737-23-114-pro-rata>

Learning Newsletters

Just a reminder that at the start and end of each half-term, we publish a 'Learning Newsletter' for each year group, these are also published on the website. These cover what children will be learning, and what they have learnt, so please take a look!



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Parking

A 'parking plea' letter was sent earlier this week. Please help us to keep our entire community safe and read over it. There's a few places we've asked people to not park, so that the area around school is as safe as possible for our children and families. **We'd like to say a huge thank you to parents for your support so far!**



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Our Values

Our School Values & Golden Rule underpin everything we do!

Our Golden Rule

We keep ourselves, and each other, safe.



We are proud, and work hard to be the best that we can be



We are determined and resilient, embracing all challenges



We collaborate well, treating everyone as equals



We are honest, kind and show integrity



We respect all people, property and the environment



We believe in ourselves and strive for our goals

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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