



NEWSLETTER

WC 16th January 2023

ATTENDANCE

100% ATTENDANCE

Well done to our year 5 pupils who have 100% attendance last week

Congratulations to Parks & Newton this week who top the attendance leader board with a fabulous 93%.

Well Done to Mr Wood & Turing who have climbed to 2nd place this week.

Well done also to Curie & Anderson climbing up the ranking again.



Year groups
attendance
percentage.

Year 5 - 100%
Year 6 - 73%
Year 7 - 60%
Year 8 - 86%
Year 9 - 64%
Year 10 - 68%
Year 11 - 53%

Form groups
attendance
percentage.

Newton - 93%
Parks - 93%
Turing - 88%
Daley - 82%
Adams - 76%
Anderson - 73%

If your child is going to be absent please notify the school on the day by 9am.

Please either call the school and leave a message or use the ParentApp to notify staff of absents and reason.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS



Congratulations to our
Top Ten pupils.

Lower School

Rosie-Leigh (Daley)
LJ (Daley)
Freddy (Watson)
Joshua (Daley)
Yasin (Watson)
James (Parks)
Finley (Parks)
Sam (Banksy)
Sebastian (Parks)
Ethan (Banksy)

Upper School

Ruby-Mae (Newton)
Olly (Newton)
Riley (Newton)
Liam (Newton)
Bobby (Newton)
Leon (Storey)
Samuel (Hamilton)
Caiden-Lee (Curie)
Kenzie (Castner)
Taylor (Curie)



The Met Office has advised of a Cold Weather Warning this week.

A period of cold weather is expected, with widespread overnight frosts and daytime temperatures just above freezing. Some icy conditions are possible with the risk of wintry showers.

Please take care.



The family support team in school can help you find out what support is available to your family if you are in financial difficulty. If you need support please don't suffer in silence, have a discreet word with your child's class teacher or send them DOJO message.

The family support team will then give you a call to look at what help there is. The cost of living and post Christmas is affecting us all!



The NHS Immunisation team will be on-site Wednesday 25th January 2023, to deliver the Nasal Flu Vaccine.

This is for pupils in School years 7, 8 and 9 only.

You will of been sent an E-consent via e-mail last week. This needs to be completed and returned to the immunisation team directly as per the letter.



You may have heard the latest information from the UK health Security Agency that Covid, flu and Scarlet Fever is still circulating in the community. To prevent the spread of infection your child should stay at home IF he/she/they have a high temperature. We will continue to maintain high standards of hygiene in school. If your child has symptoms of a cold but no high temperature your child should attend school. Take care.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please see the lunch menu for our return, W/C 16th January 2023.

If your child would like a hot dinner, please let your classroom staff know in advance. Dinners are charged at £2.56 per day, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. Lunches are to be paid for in cash, this can be either passed to your Teacher, TA, or the school office.

WEEK 3		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1						
		Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding served with Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Mac'n'Cheese served with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Mince Beef & Mashed Potatoes served with Seasonal Vegetables	Sweet & Sour Chicken served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Fish (MSC) served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
						
		Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Pasta Dish of the Day Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad
DESSERT						
		Ice Cream & Fruit	Chocolate Cookie	Chocolate Brownie	Yoghurt & Fruit Compote	Vanilla Biscuit

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Fruit Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter & Chilled Water. For allergen information, please ask one of our Catering Team. All the above dishes are subject to availability.











WE HAVE GONE LIVE !!

School Money is now live and available to pay for your child's school dinners.

You should already have access to our school App Parent Connect, on which you will see a new tile at the top called "payments"

You will need to follow a few simple steps in order to access School Money Payments. You will only need to do this once unless you change your phone.

- Click on the Payment tile
- This will ask for your mobile number - this is the number you have registered with the school
- You will be sent a verification code, which will need to be added.
- Then you will be asked for your e-mail - again this is the one registered with the school.

You now have access to School Money.

Any issues please contact the school office



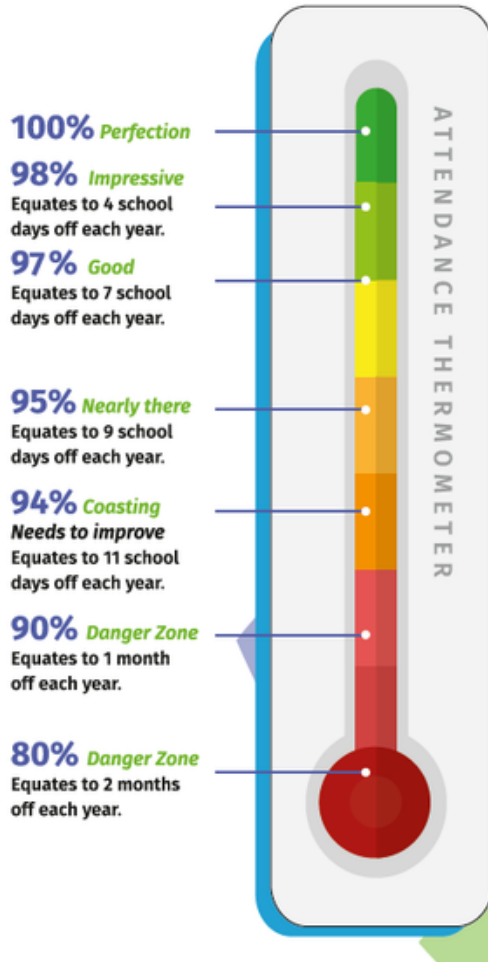
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ATTENDANCE REMINDER

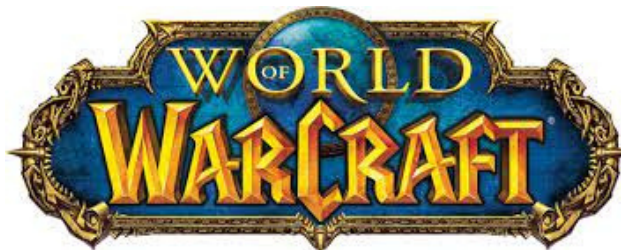
Please can we ask if your child is off school that you leave a message on the Absence Voicemail on 0151 652 7093 as soon as possible to let us know the reason for absence.

You can also advise via our **Parentapp** with just a few clicks.



- When your child is unwell please notify the school as soon as possible on the same day that your child will not be at school.
- If your child has not been marked for morning registration, the school will contact parents/carers by call/text by 10am. If you do receive a message or text it would be appreciated if you could reply by text or by phone as soon as possible.
- If the illness lasts longer than two days please keep the school informed as to what is happening and we can, if appropriate provide work or suggest ways that your child can learn whilst they are not at school.
- Please note that if the authenticity of an illness is in doubt the school can request parents to provide medical evidence to support the illness, this evidence can take the form of copies of prescriptions, appointment cards etc.
- School starts at 8.55am, all pupils are expected to be in school and ready for registration at this time.
- If your child arrives late for school, please ensure that the Reception staff are made aware as to why your child is late.

Sometimes messages to teachers go unread as they are so busy so it is important that you notify us via the Absence Line or ParentApp. If we have not heard from you, the absence will be followed up and if we cannot establish a reason for absence then it will be recorded as unauthorised absence.



Free Online Safety Guide Stay Safe on New Devices

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about
World of Warcraft

A sprawling fantasy epic of wizards and warriors, World of Warcraft has raked in an estimated \$9 billion plus in revenue, mainly through monthly subscription fees and in-game purchases. It's this lucrative seam which has helped guarantee the game's incredible lifespan: Warcraft continues to receive developer support and expansion packs almost 20 years after its initial release.

The game's longevity is matched by its immersive - and often addictive - nature. There are frequent reports of players eating meals at their keyboard, guzzling energy drinks to prolong marathon gaming sessions late into the night. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights this and other potential pitfalls that parents of young Warcraft fans should be aware of.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests') like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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