

The Welburn Weekly

Ethos Statement

I understand democracy.

Letters Home

Year 6 Secondary Applications
Autumn Term Class Leaflets

Reporting Absence

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please phone school on the day before 8.45am to inform us of the absence.

If the phone isn't answered, please leave a message including the reason for the absence.

Academy Update

Lots of work is going on behind the scene to prepare for us joining Pathfinder Academy on 1st October.

Further updates will be provided nearer the time.

Macmillan

Please join us for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 27th September at 2.30pm.

Donations of cakes, bakes and biscuits are most welcome. These can be dropped off at school on the morning.



Term Dates for the Diary

- 18th September - Science Bus (Sycamore)
 - 19th September - School Council Elections
 - 25th September - Cross Country
 - 27th September - Macmillan coffee afternoon
 - 2nd October - Beech Class Yorkshire Museum
 - 2nd October - Sycamore Football, Malton
 - 10th October - School Photos
 - 17th October - Harvest Festival
 - 23rd October— Parents Evening
 - Half term - 28th October - 1st November
 - 6th November - Beech Class Football, Malton
 - 13th November - School Open Morning
 - 20th November - Tag Rugby
 - 25th November - Flu immunisation
 - 4th December - Christmas Fair
 - 10th December - Oak Christmas Performance
 - 12th December - Pantomime, lunch and non-uniform day
 - 17th December - Beech and Sycamore Christmas Play
 - 18th December - Activity Day
 - 19th December - Christmas parties
 - 20th December - Carol singing.
- More information will follow.

Y6 secondary places

Parents/carers of year 6 pupils can now apply for secondary school places.

The deadline for applications is 31st October. For more information, please visit

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school>

Instrumental Lessons

Music in Schools (York) provides instrumental lessons in school for Years 3 and above.

If you would like more information about lessons and how to apply, please go to www.misyork.org.uk

Alumni

If you'd like to share any news about past pupils, we'd love to hear about them and include them in our newsletter.

Please get in touch with the office if you'd like us to feature a past pupil in this Alumni section on the newsletter.

Malton School Open Evening

Malton School are holding their Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 pupils on Thursday 26th September at 6.30pm.

For more information, please visit <https://www.maltonschool.org/>

Menu week commencing 16th September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, wedges, peas and sweetcorn. Raspberry Bun.	Mild chilli con carne, rice, green beans, cauliflower and wrap. Lemon drizzle cake.	Chicken, Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy.	Sausage pasta with tomato sauce, broccoli, cauliflower and crusty bread. Jam sponge and custard.	Fish Friday, chips, peas, sweetcorn and wholemeal bread. Choc krispie.

School meal prices are £3.00 per day. More information about free school meals is available here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Welburn Horticultural Show 10th August 2024

Children from our school were awarded the following prizes:

Cup winner - Sophie Still

Poetry

Oak class

1st - Rupert Arkle
2nd - Jack Bower
3rd - James Costello

Beech Class

1st - Samuel Goodfellow
2nd - Avah-Rose Peacock
3rd - Olivia High

Sycamore Class

1st - Alayna Beaumont
2nd - Aoife Costello

Art

Oak Class

1st - Carter Rowe-Hoggart
2nd - Cameron Peacock
3rd - James Costello

Beech Class

1st - Sophie Still
2nd - Mia Taylor
3rd - Amos Wright

Sycamore Class

1st - Ellie Bower
2nd - Jess Smithson
3rd - Emma Lealman

Well done to everyone who took part.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover WiFi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

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