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Primary Academy



Weekly News

Friday 3rd May, 2024 - Issue 29

A Message from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Good afternoon everyone.

This week in school, we have had "Bikeability" in school for our Year 2 pupils. Learning to ride a bike is such an important skill and the children have really enjoyed and benefited from the expertise of the team at Cycle North.

Please remember that there has been a change to the food collection times for the Community Hub on Wednesdays. We will now only be opening the Hub at 2:30pm. This will be both a food collection and parent support event. Please see the poster for the focus of the parent support. Also, we only have a limited amount of food supplies donated so please be considerate of each other when collecting.

Next week Year 6 are in their final week before SATs assessments take place in school. Mrs Hughes has sent out a letter with all the information you should need for SATs week. Please note that we want children to be in school earlier than normal so that they are prepared.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend - we will see you on TUESDAY next week.

N - 90%	RBT - 97%	RDO - 86%
1MM - 92%	1RK - 92%	2HW - 93%
2NI - 97%	3JH - 97%	3NB - 93%
4FA - 97%	4RM - 94%	5GA/LW - 97%
5HW - 96%	6LB - 89%	6NP - 98%

Whole School attendance is 95%.

We are aiming for 96%+

Biscuit Bear winners: RBT & 6NP

Extra Playtime (97%+): RBT, 2NI, 3JH, 4FA, 5GA/LW, 5HW & 6NP



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Spring Term 2024 Dates

Here are some upcoming events for your diary:

Monday 6th May 2024 – **School closed – Bank Holiday**

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May 2024 – **KS2 SATs week**

Tuesday 21st May 2024 – **Y6 RE Trip**

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – **Y5 RE Trip**

Friday 24th May 2024 – **School closes for half-term**

Monday 3rd June 2024 – **School opens for Summer 2**

Thursday 6th June 2024 – **New Reception Parents Meeting 3:30pm**



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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 outweigh 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.

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.

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.

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 B CyberAware, 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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New Childline website now live

Childline is the UK's free 24-hour service for children and young people. Run by the NSPCC, Childline gives children and young people up to the age of 19 confidential support with whatever is worrying them. Since the service began in 1986, it has carried out over 5.9 million counselling sessions with young people. Childline supports more than 200,00 children and young people each year. Find out about Childline's unique offer on [NSPCC Learning](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/learning).



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Summer Term 1 **PARENT SUPPORT** **2024 EVENTS**

IN THE COMMUNITY HUB

24th April

Parent Drop-In

MISS DOOLEY WILL BE IN THE HUB FOR ANY COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED.

1st May

Parent Drop-In

MR SPINK AND MISS DOOLEY WILL BE IN THE HUB FOR ANY COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED.

8th May

SEND Focus

FIND OUT ABOUT SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND NEEDS IN SCHOOL.

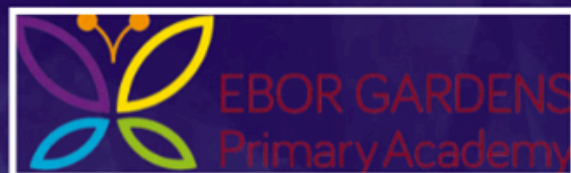
22nd May

Parent Drop-In

MR SPINK AND MISS DOOLEY WILL BE IN THE HUB FOR ANY COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED.

All events will take place in the Community Hub on Wednesdays at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Community Pantry will be open between 2:30pm - 3:15pm.



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available for September 2024 and we
are recruiting now!

If you or anyone you know has a
degree and want to pursue a career in
teaching, then you can pick up a
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