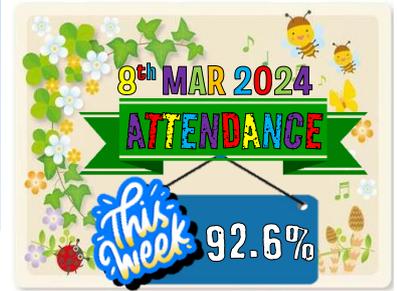


Next week at Ash Green, Rev. Robb will host an assembly at the Upper site and we have our LOWER SITE Skateboarding Club continuing at 3.30 on Thursday. We end the week with our annual Comic Relief fancy dress and Celebration Assemblies on Friday where we celebrate British Science Week with our Scientists of the Term.



We are beginning to use Class Dojo more and more for whole school communication via the School Story. This is in addition to your child's individual Class Story.



For updates, important messages, photos and videos from around the school. Stay in the loop with what's happening in your child's class!



THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK

We will be bidding a fond farewell to two members of staff in the near future. Our wonderful SENCo, Miss Crowther, leaves us at the end of April to take up an exciting post at Highbury Special School. She has been a fantastic, skilled colleague for many years and we wish her well. Over the next few weeks, she will work closely with Mrs McHugh who will take on the SENCo role having already supported Miss Crowther with this. Miss Thompson also returns from maternity leave on 18th March to head up the Inclusion and Progress Team which includes SEND. We also say goodbye to our Financial Administrator Mrs Thompson who leaves at Easter to follow an accountancy career. Mrs Thompson has been a hard-working and talented member of our Admin team and we wish her the best of luck in her future.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media is becoming ever more prevalent in our children's lives. Please see the notice board below for useful guides on Snapchat and TikTok.



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day.

We encourage children – and staff – to dress in red, or Comic Relief clothing, or just in their own clothes of choice. If children can bring a £1 donation to support the charity that would be great but the main thing is we show our support on that day.

RED NOSE DAY



St. Patrick's Day Menu

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day we have a special menu on Friday 15 March.

Beef Stew



Boiled Ham



Both served with Colcannon (Mashed Potato mixed with cabbage) and Soda Bread.



There will be the usual choices of Jacket Potatoes and sandwiches.

If your child is normally on sandwiches but would like a school lunch on that day then please pay £1.60 via the Gateway App. Thank you.

SCHOOL TRIPS



Date	Class	Destination
13 Mar	2K	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
15 Mar	2N	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
19 Mar	3A	York Chocolate Story

WORLD BOOK DAY

Today, we have celebrated World Book Day. We have all come into school dressed as our favourite characters. This morning we revealed the faces behind our four masked readers! We also revealed the Story Box competition winners in assembly, and they received their certificates and their prizes. Every other child who entered the competition has also received a prize. Through the week the children have had the opportunity to 'drop everything and read' and have also paired up with other classes for older children to read to younger children. It has been a wonderful week, thank you to all our school community for supporting Book Week and a particular thank you to Miss Coody for her skill and hard work in co-ordinating all activities so brilliantly!



EASTER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 22 MARCH	RE-OPEN – MONDAY 8 APRIL
	MAY DAY – MONDAY 6 MAY	
HALF TERM	CLOSE – FRIDAY 24 MAY	MONDAY 3 JUNE – TRAINING DAY RE-OPEN TUESDAY 4 JUNE
MID-SUMMER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 19 JULY	



NOTICES

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to the entire friend list. Snapchat was popular during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivaling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's link with apps such as Wink and Inapp have increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are then disclosing personal information through the story, Spotlight and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE
There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to send snaps daily. Spotlight Challenges give users the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. This content is currently no way to turn off this feature.

SEXING
Sexing continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's disappearing messages feature makes it easy for young people (boys in particular) to abuse explicit images on impulse, while these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified if it has been screenshoted first – users have found alternative methods to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE
Snapchat's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game' although some filters are used to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing themselves unfavourably against other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

VISIBLE LOCATION
My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking in locations on Snapchat is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only met on the app) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

TURN OFF QUICK ADD
The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT
Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g. don't post explicit images or videos, display identifiable details like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a challenge like TikTok's. It's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE
Profile is private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use Snap Maps, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in. Strangers, bullies and gamblers could use this information to engage in conversation and arrange to meet in person.

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS
Snapchat has recently announced that it is rolling out a new safety feature: users will receive notifications informing them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

TALK ABOUT SEXING
If my place (an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it is important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexing. Discuss the legal implications of sending, receiving or sharing explicit images, as well as the possible emotional impact. Emphasise that your child should never feel pressured into sexing – and that if they receive unwanted explicit images, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT
If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (harassing or malicious messages, spam, or misquoting someone else, for example).

Meet Our Expert
Dr Clare Sutherland is an ex-UK safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and led research on bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and conducted research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sending behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes). Enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 3 billion users worldwide.

ACE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY
Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
The all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – as well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING
There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £88 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Spotify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

TIKTOK FAME
The app has created its own celebrities. Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become TikTok famous. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT
Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't go out personal details in their videos which reveal their location like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think carefully about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING
Family Pairing lets parents and carers link their own TikTok to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting their time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE
In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME
As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to use the app for less time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management' you can limit the app's permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Louise Morrison is a research expert and digital media consultant who specialises in improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids i-Talk, a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays Calderdale fun, taking place this Spring across Calderdale.

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For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the spring programme please contact:

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What is the role of the Early Help Guidance and Advice Service?

The Early Help Guidance and Advice team sit alongside the Multi-Agency Screening Team (MAST). This service is Calderdale's first point of contact for families and professionals, to enable them to access services to meet their needs.

We have a dedicated advice line available for professionals, parents, carers and young people.

This will be accessible from 9am-5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am-4pm Friday (excluding bank holidays).

We will work in partnership with other agencies offering advice and guidance to achieve the best possible outcome for children and families.

What we can help with:

- We can provide details and signpost to a range of services to support you and your family.
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- Signpost to debt management services
- Details of specialist services for children and young people.
- Services available to children and young people.

Find out more:

For advice and guidance, contact the Early Help and Advice Officers by email or phone: earlyhelpadvice@calderdale.gov.uk or call: 01422 393387

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