



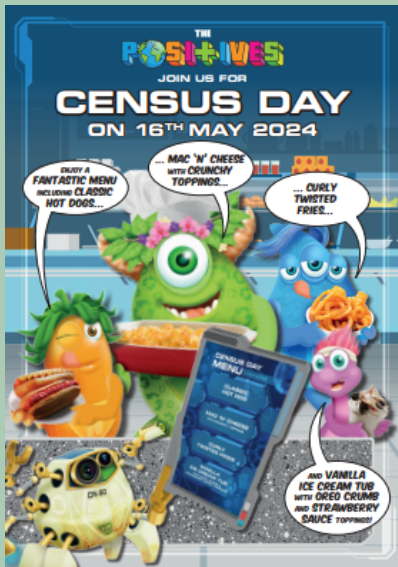
Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024

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CENSUS MENU



Join the POSITIVE VIBES team on **Thursday 16th May** for Census Day. This gives children who would not usually order a school dinner to try the delicious freshly cooked meals on offer. Children are still welcome to bring in a packed lunch if they prefer, but they are also welcome to try something from the school kitchen. For those children in Reception, Y1, Y1/2 & Y2 this is FREE of charge. For those children in KS2, who do not receive free school meals, this will cost £2.50 and is payable via School grid. If you need any help in setting up your school grid account, please contact the school office.

Polite Reminder

If your child is off sick poorly or attending an appointment and you have ordered your child's school lunch at home, please kindly log into School Grid to cancel their lunch on the relevant day. Thank you for your continued support.

Reception New Intake September 2024

We are delighted to see lots of children in our Reception New Intake for September. If you have not done so already, please contact the school office to verbally accept your child's place for September 2024.

PLEASE SUPPORT!

Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th April, Mrs Birch and Mrs Quirk will be selling Vimto and a biscuit for 50p at lunchtime.

All funds raised will be used to purchase new books to replenish our school library. Thank you for your continued support.



NOTICE

Please remember to be respectful when parking around school. Please refrain from using the Hospice car park as this is reserved for staff and visitors. We ask for greater consideration and request that you park in a side street and walk a few metres to collect or drop off your children. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTIE BEAR'S SPELLING CHALLENGE

Christie Bear challenges you to practice your spelling skills and support young cancer patients at The Christie at the same time. Ask your family and friends to sponsor you to work hard and learn your word list, and ask them to test you once a week to make sure you're on track. Your teacher will tell you which list to learn, then you just need to practise them ready for your test.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| the | everybody | unhappy | expansion | |
| you | clothes | unwell | extension | |
| said | because | undeane | tension | |
| do | floor | unable | confusion | |
| go | christmas | unlucky | height | |
| come | sugar | unfasten | weight | |
| to | parents | sure | eighth | |
| was | any | through | possible | |
| be | only | through | business | |
| | | different | pressure | |
| | | difficult | address | |

We are learning list number:



We are raising money for the young cancer patients at The Christie, we are taking part in "Christie Bear's Spelling Challenge." Any sponsor money will be collected on week commencing Monday 13th May.

Sponsor forms and spellings were sent home before the Easter holidays. If you need a replacement, please ask your child's class teacher.

Diary Dates

| May | 2024 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd | Y5 Robinwood Residential Trip |
| Monday 6th | Bank Holiday |
| Wednesday 8th | Y1 Hearing Screening Test |
| Monday 13th - Thursday 16th | KS2 SATs Week |
| Friday 24th | School closes for half term |
| June | 2024 |
| Monday 3rd | School re-opens at 8.40am |
| W/C - Monday 3rd | Y4 Multiplication Check Week |
| Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th | Y6 London Residential Trip |
| W/C - Monday 10th | Y1 Phonics Screening |
| Friday 14th | Phase 3 - Trip to Amberswood |



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CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT ST. PETER'S

STAR OF THE WEEK

| | |
|--------|------------|
| Rec LB | Diya |
| Rec SG | Logan B |
| Y1 | Emily |
| Y1/2 | Freddie |
| Y2 | Emilia |
| Y3 | Oscar |
| Y3/4 | Heidi |
| Y4 | Archie |
| Y5 | Bobbie |
| Y5/6 | Sophie |
| Y6 | Gracie-Mae |

Well done to those for achieving last week Star of the Week. You are all Superstars!



| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Bryon Class | 92.86% |
| Davies Class | 98.10% |
| Vegara Class | 92.41% |
| Dahl Class | 95.52% |
| Pankhurst Class | 95.93% |
| Rauf Class | 94.83% |
| Farook Class | 95.00% |
| Grahame Class | 95.60% |
| Syed Class | 96.00% |
| Almond Class | 91.79% |
| Dickens Class | 93.85% |

Well done to Davies class for achieving the highest attendance last week!

NOTICE

As the weather keeps fluctuating, please remember to send your children to school with coats or jackets to keep them warm and dry. Thank you.



Meet our Pastoral Co-ordinator



Miss. Halliwell

It is important to refresh ourselves on the importance of your child's attendance to school. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please notify the school office of any absences before 9.30am, either via telephone or class dojo. If you know your child is going to be absent from school in advance for any reason, please complete an Absence Request Form located outside the school office.

For more information on our attendance policy please use the below link.

[Attendance policy](#)

No holidays will be authorised during term time unless they are due to exceptional circumstances and will be at the headteacher's discretion. We understand that children get poorly from time to time, but when is your child too ill to attend school? The NHS link below offers some helpful guidance for parents/carers as to when your child is required to be absent from school due to an illness.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.NHS.uk\)](http://www.NHS.uk)

You can log onto your My Child At School (MCAS) account to view your child's overall attendance percentage for the academic year. We have included a chart outlining how the percentage is broken down and which category this falls into. Does your child's attendance fall into the GREEN category?

In addition to this, if your child's attendance for the academic year falls below 90%, you may be invited to come into school to meet with our pastoral co-ordinator who can offer support in working towards improving this.



Attendance Ladder





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Toddler Group



This week, Toddlers have thoroughly enjoyed a mini beast scavenger hunt. Toddlers explored wildlife in their natural habitat, linking to understanding the world. Thank you for coming and your continued support.

Reminder: Toddler group is on every Thursday from 8.50am.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's not just for sending encrypted one-to-one messages to be viewed by the intended recipient, but also for group chats, WhatsApp Status and voice calls. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently due to the UK's Online Safety Bill proposals to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do this and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should the legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a favourite hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include phishing as the father's child, requesting a money transfer, and a scammer claiming to be a specialist emergency. This scam is a new variation on a scam that has been used to trick people into giving their account access. (Looking as WhatsApp call or text to ask you to report the code back to them, giving them access.)

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. Your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends) that is primarily contacting other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp is a social media app and a lot of fake news is spread rapidly - whether it's a lie or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "forwarded many times" label and a double checkmark. This means that if you see a message that you've just received for the first time, it might not be entirely factual, and you should be cautious.

ONLINE

'NEW ONCE' CONTENT
The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or content to a group chat. This is done to take advantage of the fact that once the image is viewed, it is automatically deleted. This is known as "disappearing content" - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased security.

CHAT LOCK
Another new option allows users to share certain messages or photos in a separate "locked chats" folder, which is protected by a fingerprint or face ID authentication. This means that even if someone else has access to the phone, they cannot see the content in the locked chats.

VISIBLE LOCATION
WhatsApp's "live location" feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking in on their children on the way home. However, if you share your location in a group chat, other people in the group can also track their location - potentially putting your children's safety at risk.

NEWS

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION
Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING
Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to be shared on WhatsApp. (Even posting on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who saw something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS
It's a good idea to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to "Privacy" then "Groups") to specify which of their contacts can add them to "groups" or "My Contacts except...". Additionally, if your child needs to use the location, encourage them they should deactivate this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY
Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you don't feel comfortable talking to your child about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has seen any new "once content", you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Suberland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday 7 May & Tuesday 23 July

Wigan Council

Cycle Three Sisters 2024

Our popular free cycling event returns to the Three Sisters Race Circuit in Ashton-in-Makerfield. Families from across the borough are invited to come along - with or without a bike - and join in the fun!

FREE Family Event

3pm - 8pm

What to expect There will be a host of family-friendly activities including:

- The chance to cycle the full 1.4 kilometre race circuit
- Adult and children's bikes and helmets available to borrow
- Balance bike track (ages 5 and under)
- Cycle skills for ages 6-12
- Wheels for All adapted cycles
- E-bikes
- Cycling stalls
- Climbing wall
- Face painting
- Inflatables

To find out more visit wigan.gov.uk/CycleThreeSisters or email the team wellbeing@bewellwigan.org

From 1.30pm to 2.45pm there will be a dedicated opportunity for those with balance bikes, bikes with stabilisers and adapted bikes ONLY to use the main circuit.

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family hubs

Family Hubs are a new way of bringing together all the support a family may need, from pregnancy through to young people turning 19 (or 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities). Family hubs are here to help the whole family.

www.wigan.gov.uk/FamilyHubs

Working together to support families

Wigan Council | Wigan Health Foundation | Healthier Wigan | Greater Manchester Police

Here are some examples of what you might find in a Family Hub network within your neighbourhood:

- Health visiting, midwives and antenatal appointments and classes
- Activities for babies and children aged 0-5
- Activities and support for families of young people who have special educational needs and disabilities
- Support with a range of housing situations including homelessness, help with affordability, repairs and tenancy arrangements
- Help with debt and money worries including access to food parcels/pantries
- Ways to improve whole family health and wellbeing
- Ways to improve parenting and relationships including learning opportunities
- Activities and opportunities for young people
- Support with things like job searches, housing applications and booking appointments.

Where will family hubs be?

We are planning to have seven family hub networks operating across the Wigan Borough, which means if you live locally, you should always be able to find support in your neighbourhood.

When will they be here?

We have launched our first family hub, the rest will be in place by December 2024.

How can I find out more?

www.wigan.gov.uk/FamilyHubs