

SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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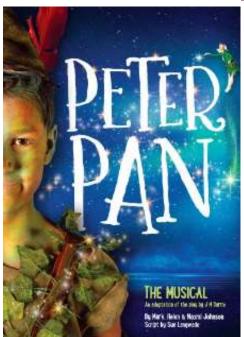
6th July 2023

"The most wasted of days is one without laughter."

Dear Parents/Carers

With just over a fortnight to go until the end of the academic year, the school remains as busy as ever! Year 3 and 4 children have been to Twycross Zoo, Year 1 children have done their class assembly and some of our Year 6 children have been on transition visits to their new secondary schools. Phew! Despite the children only being in school for four days this week, they've certainly managed to cram a lot in.





Rehearsals are also in full swing for the forthcoming junior production (Years 4 - 6 inclusive) of 'Peter Pan'. The tickets for the production are on sale now via the box office at the Brewhouse. **Tickets are not available from school.** Please call 01283 508100 or click the link <u>Peter Pan - The Musical Brewhouse Arts Centre</u> to book your seats. **Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis** but we would ask that you try and limit your purchase *initially* to four tickets per family. This should ensure that everyone who wishes to see their child perform has the opportunity to do so. We thank you for your support with this. There are two productions 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Tickets for the **1.30pm performance** will cost **£7.00 each** and tickets for the **6pm performance** will cost **£8.00 each**.

You will also have received your child's report, which explains the progress he/she has made this year. You are invited to add further details of your child's achievements and comment on the report reply form, which is enclosed with their report alongside details of who their class teacher will be next academic year. If you would

like to discuss any issues arising from the report, there will be an opportunity to do so on Monday 10 July 2023 between 3.45pm and 4.45pm. Please note that this is an optional, not compulsory, meeting and should you wish to attend, please contact the school office who will make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Tomorrow, **Friday 7 July** is an INSET day, so school will be closed for the pupils. It promises to be a bot one again over the weekend so please take care if out and about in the sunshine. If you click here, you will find some further advice from the NHS for adults and children on sunscreen and sun safety in the UK and abroad, which we hope you find useful. Wishing you all a very relaxing and restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday! Enjoy!

Attendance

With a new school year fast approaching, we thought it a suitable time to start focusing on securing good attendance for all pupils as we look forward to welcoming pupils back for the start of a new term. A recent <u>Children's Commissioner report</u> showed that children who miss one day of the first week of term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term. This is quite an alarming, but validated, statistic. You can see from the diagram below the effect poor attendance has on a child's education:



The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the **legal responsibility** of **every parent** to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience. including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard. Moreover, the overall absence rate of pupils not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%). At KS4, pupils not achieving grade 9 to 4 in English and Maths had an overall absence rate of 8.8%, compared to 5.2% among those achieving grade 4. The overall absence rate of pupils not achieving grade 9 to 4 was over twice as high as those achieving grade 9 to 5 (8.8% compared to 3.7%).

To support good attendance of all our pupils, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the expectations set out in the <u>JTMAT Pupil Attendance and Punctuality Policy</u> are adhered to – reasons for authorised and unauthorised absence are set out clearly within, as are the procedures should your



child's attendance fall below a certain level. We would advise refreshing yourselves with this particular policy over the summer so that we can ensure for good, positive patterns of attendance next year.

This year we have seen an increase in 'low level' illness absence, which has contributed to some pupils falling below the persistent absence rate of 90%. To help parents make judgements about absence due to mild illness, we thought you should see the relevant NHS guidance, as national data shows that authorised absence due to illness was especially high last autumn. Please note that coughs, colds, headaches, tummy aches etc. are not listed by Public Health England at 'too ill to attend school.'

We look forward to continuing good patterns of attendance next academic year and enhancing the school's already strong and supportive ethos and culture around this. Thank you!



Ready, Set, Read! The Summer Reading Challenge 2023

It's nearly here! The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 starts in Staffordshire Libraries this Saturday, 8 July. Please pop into your local library to sign up for free and remember, the challenge runs until 11 September.

If children are not a member of the library, then joining is free and parents / carers can also join their child online through Staffordshire Libraries website or in person at any Staffordshire Library.

Our school is also eligible to take part in the Burton & Uttoxeter Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge Cup. The school that has the highest percentage of children

on roll taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge will receive a trophy to keep in school and £150 to spend on books for school with H & H Spaldings of Barton under Needwood! We would love as many children as possible to get involved with this!



Nursery Places Still Available for September!

Please note that there are still a few places left in our nursery for September, so enquire if you or someone else you know within the community, would like a place in our outstanding school.

Further information can be found on our school website <u>Admissions</u> page on how to apply for a place and we look forward to receiving your application!

Sustainable Fashion

It's that time of year when a lot of people are getting ready to go on a summer holiday. It can be really tempting to go out and treat yourself to a new summer wardrobe!

Here's some tips to inspire sustainable fashion:

- Buy second hand sites like <u>Vinted</u> and <u>eBay</u> are great for updating your wardrobe and reducing waste.
- Opt for versatile clothing that will enable you to create more outfits with fewer pieces.
- Buy good quality and sustainable clothes that will last a long time or try and repair broken items.
- Don't buy into trends only buy something if you will wear it for a long time.
- Stick with what you've got! The most sustainable thing you can do is to not buy anything new.



FREE Uniform!



Remember, we have FREE uniform that is available for anyone who needs it, via our donation service. There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have old items that they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting, collating and distributing this. If you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact her via amyroobottom@outlook.com.

Online Safety Tips

Conceived as giving independent content creators equal representation in the online space, Rumble has found something of a niche in restoring a voice to influencers who have been blocked from similar platforms. It's become particularly renowned as a forum for political debate, with some prominent account holders' choice of subject matter attracting a degree of notoriety.

Indeed, a study by the USA's Pew Research Centre found that the platform's most popular topics included gun laws, the January 2021 Capitol riots and Covid vaccines.

Many parents and carers may feel that these sensitive topics — when addressed in a less-than-sensitive manner — aren't suitable for young users. This guide attempts to get a feel for Rumble.



Hot Lunch Options – 10 to 14 July 2023

WEEKI	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margerita Pizza Potato Wedges	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Roast turkey with mashed potato & gravy	Spanish Chicken in a tornato sauce with 50 / 50 rice	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetable Frittata Potato Wedges	Quorn Sausage With Creamy Mash Potato & Gravy	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Tomato & roasted vegetable pasta	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Cauliflower & broccoli	Peas & carrots	Green beans & cabbage	Sweetcom & broccoli	Peas & baked beans
(5)	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate & pear sponge with custard	Apple crumble & custard	Flapjack	Carrot cake	Chocolate & orange cookie
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghur
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	No jacket potatoes or sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

The **SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!** will return next week, as will **Headteacher's Awards**, **Team Points** and **Lunchtime Awards** due to their being no Celebration Assembly because of the **JTMAT INSET Day**...

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+

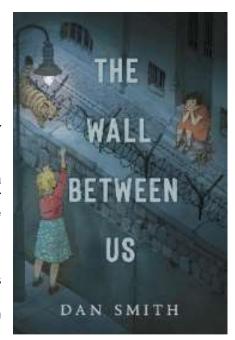
The Wall Between Us

Written by Dan Smith

A stunning, exciting story from acclaimed author Dan Smith - author of the Carnegie Medal-nominated Nisha's War.

Berlin, 1961. Anja and Monika are best friends - they even share a cat called Otto. When a huge barbed wire fence is built between their apartment blocks, everything changes; their city and family are divided by the Berlin Wall.

In the West, Anja is sure it will be taken down, but Monika is afraid. Her world is changing: neighbours keep disappearing, others become spies and shadowy threats lurk around every corner. Then, Anja discovers that Otto has found a way across. And if he can reach Monika, so can she...



Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are **Reception!** Well done! This is a remarkable achievement for this class as so many children were absent across the school last week because of celebrating Eid al-Adha with their families. Here are the latest figures...

Reception	91.2%	Target
Year 1	77.7%	
Year 2	87.7%	96%
Year 3	77.7%	
Year 4	87.2%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	86.2%	
Year 6	84.2%	95.2%
Overall	83.6%	

Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 7 th July 2023
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Peter	Tuesday 18th July 2023
Pan	
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 19 th July 2023
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 20 th July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21st July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 th July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 th July 2023

Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Monday 4 th September 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th October 2023
INSET Day	Monday 6 th November 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th November 2023
Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th November 2023
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November to Friday 1 st

	December 2023
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and	Thursday 21st December 2023, 10.00am
the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19 th February 2024
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024





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SECONDARY

Abbot Beyne Blessed Robert Sutton Fountains High School Granville Academy John Taylor Free School John Taylor High School Paget High School
Paulet High School and Sixth Form College
The de Ferrers Academy

The Pingle Academy The William Allit School



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

'Teen' on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and

has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and perspective on these important and complex topics.



THE ALTERNATIVE VIEW

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

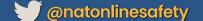
Meet Our Expert

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National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

Source: https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/10/06/prominent-accounts-on-afternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/











Should I keep my Child Off

school?



Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek





Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.









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