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Dear Parents and Carers

We had to unfortunately cancel our Outdoor Classroom Morning this week due to the wet and windy weather. We have rearranged this for Monday now and hope the weather is kind to us to allow all of our planned activities to take place.

Parents' Consultations

Next week are our Parent Consultation Evenings. Hopefully, you have all managed to sign up to see your child's class teacher as we are offering virtual and face-to-face appointments again this time around. Please let us know if you are having any difficulties with obtaining an appointment.

We have virtual appointments running on Tuesday 7th November and face-to-face appointments on Thursday 9th November. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at school on Thursday.

Parent / Teacher Association

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the parents involved with the PTA. Your hard work and support means we are able to purchase resources and events for the children that we wouldn't be able to do from just our school budget. So far this term, the PTA have funded new carpets for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes, waterproof aprons for Reception, art resources for Year 3 during our Feeling Good Day, a 'Stranger Danger' play for Key Stage 1 children as well as the resources and 'person-power' to transform the Key Stage 1 Courtyard. Please see the 'before' and 'after' photos below—such a transformation!



Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

We are working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can commit to an afternoon a week to come in to school. As a reading helper, you will support at least 3 children on a one to one basis outside of the classroom environment. It's a fun role that's about much more than just listening to children read.

As a reading helper you will support children to become readers; helping children to switch onto reading, learn to read and become confident independent readers. You will be trained in a proven approach and will lead sessions for each child that bring fun and enjoyment to the reading experience, ultimately wanting the child to choose to read and be enthusiastic about it!

If you would like to become a reading helper at our school, or you know someone, perhaps a grandparent or a neighbour who would like to join our friendly school community please do consider this role. For more information, or if you wish to apply, visit the website at www.corambeanstalk.org.uk or call 0207 729 4087.

Woking & Sam Beare Hospice Appeal—12 Days of Christmas

Woking & Sam Beare Hospice are holding a Christmas Market on Saturday 2nd December. One of the stalls will be an Advent book stall for the twelve days of Christmas. The idea is that twelve books will be individually wrapped up in a bundle for children to open each day.

The Hospice is asking for children and parents of Barnsbury to get involved by donating any new or good quality pre-loved books they may have at home. If you are able to donate any books, please can they be brought into school by Friday 17th November. We will then make sure they get to the Hospice Appeal organisers. All proceeds will go directly to Hospice care so that they can continue to help patients and their families.

Vacancies

Nursery Assistant

Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery has an exciting opportunity to join our Nursery team. We are looking for a nursery practitioner to join our Early Years team and work with staff to provide an outstanding start for our youngest learners.

This is a permanent role, working 37 weeks per year. Working hours will be 33.50 per week, Monday, 8.00am - 4.00pm and from Tuesday - Friday between 8.00am - 3.00pm.

More information can be found [here](#).

Kitchen Staff

Twelve Fifteen are currently recruiting for kitchen staff at Barnsbury, please see the advert in the body of this newsletter.

Wishing you peaceful weekend—hopefully dry and warm if you are attending any fireworks events over the weekend.

With kind regards



Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher

Dates for your diary 2023-24

Autumn Term

November

Monday 6th	Outdoor Classroom Day
Tuesday 7th	3.30-5.30pm Virtual Parents' Evening Consultations
Wednesday 8th	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Wednesday 8th	PTA—Return Bags 2 School (8th, 9th and 10th)
Thursday 9th	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Thursday 9th	3.30-7.00pm Face-to-face Parents' Evening Consultations
Friday 10th	Year 6 Trip
Saturday 11th	4.30—6.30pm PTA Fireworks Display
Wednesday 15th	8.00am Local Governing Committee Meeting
Friday 17th	Team Building Day & 4T Class Assembly
Friday 24th	6G Class Assembly

December

Friday 1st	5M Class Assembly
Monday 4th	PTA—Mince Pie Monday
Tuesday 5th	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7th	PTA—Christmas Secret Shop in school
Friday 8th	PTA—Christmas Secret Shop in school
Friday 8th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert
Monday 11th	PTA—Mince Pie Monday
Monday 11th	9.30am Dress rehearsal for KS1 Christmas Production
Monday 11th	2pm KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 12th	9.00am and 2pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
Friday 15th	1.15pm End of Term



Star of the Week

Effort

Values

Oak	Clementine	Sophie	Ohene
Ash	Aila	Nok Hang	Shauna
1B	Tommy	Aliza	Azhaan
1M	Emily	Lottie	Misha
2M	Emily	Harley	Ezra
2T	Chloe	Cormac	Freya
3B	Leo	Mukund	Amber
3M	Precious	Cecilia	Isla
4T	Dexter	Megaana	Liam
4D	Sasha	Eleanor	Jack
5M	Hannah	Maggie	Harri
5B	Edith	Olivia	Aroosh
6J	Penelope	Ghazel	Ben
6G	James	Flynn	Aiden

Congratulations to our Super Spellers this week:



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificate this week: Megaana (4D), Abigail (4D), Oscar (4D), James (4D), Zaeem (4D), Nayna (2M)



Nursery

Nursery received their brand new carpet this week.

THANK YOU PTA we love it!



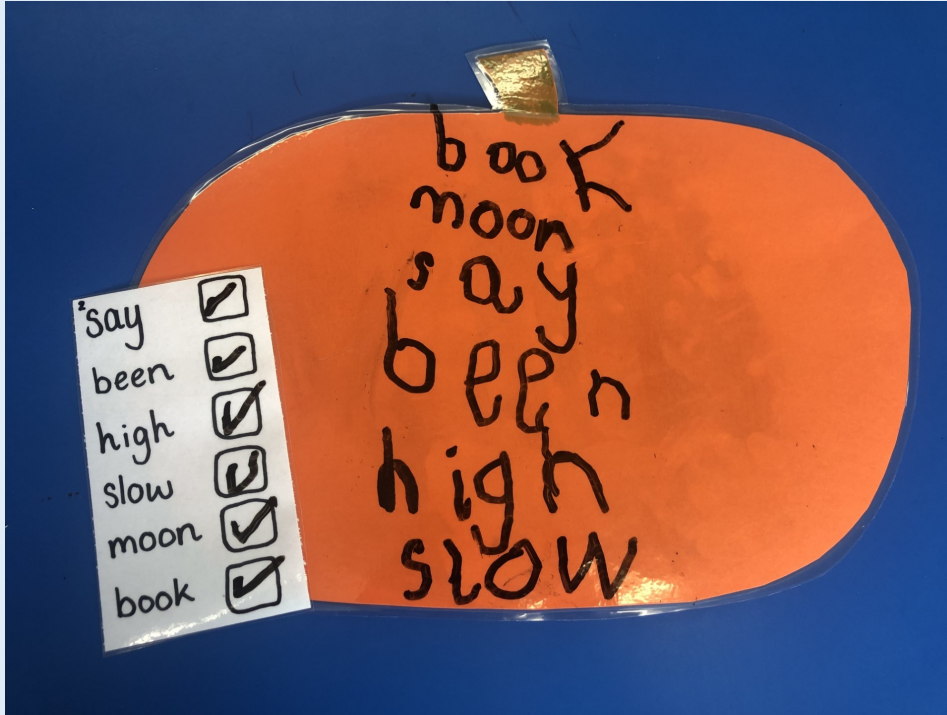
Year 4

Year 4 have been busy creating Christmas cards to enter a Competition, which extends to include all the schools in the Woking area. We are super excited at the prospect of getting one of our creations chosen to be printed. The winning card will be sent to King Charles, Downing Street and many businesses in the local and surrounding area. In addition to the competitive aspect of this activity, the creativity and mixed medium approach has had the children thoroughly engaged.



Halloween - Phonics Activity

Another Halloween activity with this Pumpkin. Concentrating on the level your child is at. For this activity I used set 2 sounds with my phonics group. I said the word and then got the child to repeat listening to the sounds heard. The child can then either write the words out on the pumpkin or use magnetic letters. Enjoy, Miss Paice ☺



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
12



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES



Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS



Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION



Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

IN-GAME SPENDING

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Dreadbear' (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS



Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep; irritability or a lack of concentration could also indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.



TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.



Meet Our Expert

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

X

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user *doesn't* already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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