

September 2023

A message from Mrs Berthoud

I would like to welcome all of our new families to South Norwood Primary School.

Along with our Reception children we have had 33 new children in years 1 - 6.

We have had a great start to term and I am really looking forward to everything we can achieve this academic year.

Mrs Berthoud

Important dates

All important dates are being added to the class dojo calendar this year. Do keep an eye on anything relevant for your child/ren.

Term dates for this year are on our website here:
<https://shorturl.at/flX28>

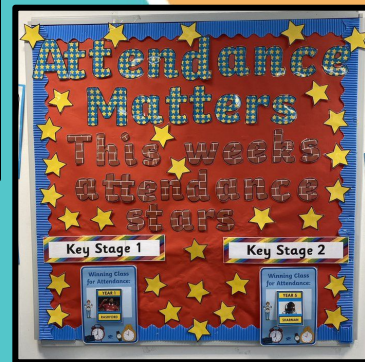
Attendance

- RN - 93.3%
- RS - 100%
- 1K - 88.9%
- 1B - 97.1%
- 2W - 96.7%
- 2K - 92.8%
- 3M - 86.9%
- 3W - 92.1%
- 4S - 99.2%
- 4Y - 97.2%
- 5E - 94.4%
- 5S - 87.5%
- 6S - 96.6%
- 6B - 81%

Well done to 4S

'Rubbish' Clock Tower.

On Sunday 10th September we were proud to unveil our clock tower which the children helped make last term with Norman from Norwood JunkAction. Le Faye in Year 6 stood on the stage on Station Road and bravely told the amassed crowd what it means to her and how it was made. The clock tower is now on our playground for all to see.



Harvest

Thank you for your generous donations for our harvest festival.

We will be donating everything to South Norwood Community Kitchen. Well done to Miss Aden for organising.



WEST LONDON SERIES Thursday, September 21, 2023

Clock tower made from litter

PUPILS from South Norwood Primary School in Croydon celebrated the unveiling of their replica of South Norwood Clock Tower.

The four-and-a-half metre replica is made of local litter and pupils worked together with Norwood JunkAction to complete the project.

Norwood JunkAction's celebration, which took place as part of the Carnival Invitation, was dedicated to litter picking and recognising volunteering activities which benefit the community and individuals.

The celebration took place in Station Road on Sunday, September 10.

Melody Berthoud, headteacher at South Norwood Primary School, said: "The children have loved working together with Norwood JunkAction to create the clock tower out of local litter.

"This is such a fun, creative and collaborative way for children to learn about the impact litter has on the environment and the importance of looking after our public spaces.

"We're very grateful to Norwood JunkAction for the opportunity to be included in this important project."

Norman Mine, the founder of Norwood JunkAction, said: "Working with children on a fun and educational project has been an amazing experience.

"There is so much to learn from children and the way they use their imagination and creativity when exploring the world around them. This is something that Norwood JunkAction keeps at our core when exploring both environmental and social issues."

Pupils' replica of South Norwood Clock Tower

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

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. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging: WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat 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. If 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, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true 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 arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

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.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

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 then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

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 spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk 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 sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland 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 sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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