

Weekly News



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Dates for your diary

Monday 29th March– Whole school art day
Wednesday 31st March– Chocolate raffle
Thursday 1st April– Easter activity day in school
Thursday 1st April—Break up for Easter
Monday 19th April– Children return to school
Monday 3rd May– Mayday bank holiday
Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th May– Parent behaviour workshops 10.00-11.30
Thursday 13th May– Friends meeting
Friday 28th May– Break up for half term
Monday 7th June– School INSET day
Tuesday 8th June– Children return to school

Cook's Corner

Next week the school kitchen will be serving from week 2 of the menu

Covid

We are being asked to encourage everyone to have their Covid vaccine when they are contacted as it appears to be having a significant impact on rates of the virus and also hospital admissions.

Home lateral flow testing kits are on offer to all parents of school aged children or anyone in a childcare bubble. They can be collected from Faulkland Street car park, Showell Road car park and Whitmore Reans Library between 1pm-8pm. Tests can also be ordered on-line.

App of the week

Peppa Pig Happy Mrs Chicken
Join Peppa and George in playing Happy Mrs Chicken.



Star of the week

Our stars this week are:

Hedgehogs: Lukas
Robins: Murad
Dragonflies: Khushi
Owls: Kael
Butterflies: Nancy, Duaa and Isabelle
Ducklings: Amari

Well done to all of our stars

Attendance

4 classes had 100% attendance this week—
Butterflies, Ducklings, Dragonflies and Hedgehogs.

NEWS

On Monday 29th March we will be holding an art day. Children will enjoy lots of lovely creative activities on the day. As there may be lots of mess it will be fine for children to attend school in old play clothes rather than uniform on this day, or bring some spare clothes in their bag if this proves too tricky.

We have some very beautiful chocolate hampers and eggs on offer in the Easter raffle—don't forget to return your tickets!

Staff have been re-capping on internet safety in recent staff meetings, We have been updated on the latest risks on line. Please ask for help if you have any questions about Internet safety.

We are planning some parent workshops around managing behaviour after the Easter break, this is a 3 session course and attendance will be required at all sessions. A letter will be coming out to explain more, so for now please keep the date in your diary.





What parents & carers need to know about - AMONG US

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Among Us is one of the most popular games of 2020. A space-themed 'social deduction game' where 8-10 players team up on the guise of Crewmates, who must complete various tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected imposters must by their hardest to sabotage the others' efforts. The imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. While Among Us is a largely safe game, it's still prudent to be aware of any potential risks young ones might encounter when playing.

Inappropriate chat



While Among Us can be enjoyed privately via an 8-10 player private lobby between friends, players often connect to servers and play with strangers. This is a problem as it's a free-to-play game with a chat function, and it allows anyone to chat with anyone. There is a parental filter on the game as standard, but it can be easily disabled and if it is, children could be exposed to inappropriate, sexual or explicit language.

In-game purchases

Among Us is a free-to-play game, but it has in-game purchases. These include skins for the crewmate, which are cosmetic only and do not affect gameplay. There are also 'crewmate packs' which contain skins and other items. These are sold for real money, and can be purchased with a credit or debit card. There is also the possibility of purchasing the full game, which is a one-time payment of £4.99. It is important to be aware of these purchases, as they can be used to buy real-world items.

Risk of hacking

Among Us has been the subject of several reports of hacking. This is a risk as the game is played on a public server, and it is possible for someone to gain access to a player's account. This could allow them to steal items, change their name, or even delete their account. It is important to be aware of this risk and to take steps to protect your child's account.

Use of external apps

Many players use external apps like Discord to chat with their friends while playing. This is a risk as these apps can be used to share personal information, and it is possible for someone to gain access to a player's account. It is important to be aware of this risk and to take steps to protect your child's account.

Mild violence

The art style of Among Us is cartoonish, but does contain some very mild violence. Imposters can kill off their crewmates, and crewmates can kill off imposters. This is a form of mild violence, and it is important to be aware of this when playing the game.



Safety tips

Play with your children

Playing with your child is one of the best ways to make them safe online. If you can't play with them, it's important to be aware of the risks and to take steps to protect your child's account.

Use private lobbies

ENTER LOBBY

Among Us uses private lobbies to let players team up. It is important to be aware of the risks and to take steps to protect your child's account.

Deactivate credit cards

Having your credit card automatically payments any online accounts that can be accessed by children is a risk. It is important to be aware of this risk and to take steps to protect your child's account.

Use an alias

By default, your name in Among Us will be set to your real name. It is important to be aware of the risks and to take steps to protect your child's account.

Talk about the risks

It is important to talk to your child about the risks associated with online gaming, especially when it comes to chat and in-game purchases. It is important to be aware of these risks and to take steps to protect your child's account.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for five years as a writer, editor and producer. He is the second gaming editor of one of the largest gaming news sites in the world, GamesRadar+. Mark is also a frequent speaker at gaming events, and has written for a number of gaming magazines. He is passionate about gaming and wants to help parents and carers understand the risks of online gaming.



