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# Newsletter

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## Newsletter 18. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

We are dedicating a large part of this newsletter to advice for parents regarding keeping children safe online. In the digital age that we now live in, it is sometimes hard to keep track of what children are doing on X-Boxes, mobiles, i-pads and other devices. Technology has moved on so far in recent years that it is difficult for some parents to know where to start with limiting access for their children and keeping them safe from unsuitable material or unsuitable attention!

We hope that you find the information below of some help.

- Almost 1 in 4 young people have come across racist or hate messages online
- 1 in 3 children have been a victim of cyberbullying
- One in five 8 to 11 year olds and seven in ten 12 to 15 year olds has a social media profile
- 1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site.
- There were over 11,000 counselling sessions with young people who talked to Childline about online issues last year

Source:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/online-abuse/facts-statistics/>

### **Share Aware campaign overview**

To kids, online life is real life. And, just like in real life, kids need help to stay safe online.

Share Aware is an NSPCC and O2 campaign to help parents have regular and informed conversations with their child about online safety. We're aiming to get every family in the UK chatting about their kids' online

world, just like they would about their day at school.

We tell children that it's good to share, but online it's different and sometimes it can be dangerous. Through our straight-forward, step-by-step advice and Icebreaker email series, we'll show parents how to untangle the web and teach children how to make the right decisions online, even when parents aren't there.

- [Our new TV ad](#) - Safety advice from a 10 year old.
- [Icebreakers email series](#) - We've teamed up with O2 to create a bespoke email series full of tips and information on different issues eg cyberbullying and inappropriate content, with activities parents can complete with their child.
- [Mumsnet partnership](#) - Join our Twitter Q&A at 12.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> May using #ShareAware, alongside a Mumsnet Facebook live.
- [Family agreements](#) - We have created a downloadable family agreements document for families to complete and fill in together.
- [Share Aware homepage](#) - Read our step-by-step guide to being Share Aware and our TEAM (Talk, Explore, Manage, Agree) framework on how to stay safe online in four simple steps.
- [Net Aware](#) - Our guide to the most popular social networks sites, apps and games that children use. New sites such as [Musical.ly](#), [Kiwi](#) and [Pokemon Go](#) have been added this year, along with a [breaking news page](#) and top tips from O2 Gurus on blocking, private account settings or

in-app purchases. The new Net Aware can be downloaded on both [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

- [Specialised advice](#) - Advisors at our O2 & NSPCC Online Safety Helpline - 0808 800 5002 - are here to help with any questions, or anyone can make an appointment with a Guru in store.

Parents may also find the following Vodafone site of interest

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/learning-and-fun/digital-parenting-magazine.html>

**What to do if you become aware of unsuitable material or unsuitable attention from an unknown person. This could be through mobile phones (sexting) or through online games (grooming).**

Please do not think that this would not happen to your child or in this area. It might be shocking for parents to know that we are aware that some of our children here at school have been subject to both of the above!

If you do have concerns or would like any further advice, please contact CEOPS.



<https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

### **Security and Access to the school site**

We have been reviewing our current security measures around the school in order to improve our safeguarding arrangements. A fine balance needs to be made between keeping the school open and welcoming, but also keeping children safe all of the time. A separate Security and Access letter will be sent to all parents along with this newsletter. I would urge all parents to read and note the changes we are making. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.



### **Parent View**

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to give their views on this website. Your support is much appreciated. Many of the questions do not allow you to elaborate on them so in the coming weeks we will be sending out a paper copy of a questionnaire that allows you to give us a little more feedback on various aspects of our work. This questionnaire will not be seen by OFSTED, but is designed to help us to improve as a school. Thank you in advance of your support.

### **Class DoJo**

We would like to clarify that this facility should not be used for informing the school about absences, etc, but should simply be used for communication around behaviour.

Absences can be reported on-line via the school website:

<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/for-parents/absentee-form/>

Or by using our telephone absence line by calling 01242 674312 and selecting option 1.



### For parents of children in Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers

This term as part of our Religious Education curriculum, your child has been learning about how and why Christians worship. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June we are going to walk to St Michaels Church and meet Marion, their children's minister, to find out more about worship and to look at key features within the Church. If you are able to help accompany Year Three on this trip, from 9.00 am to 11.30 am, please could you email: [rmorrish@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rmorrish@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

We are hoping that Sports Day will take place on the arranged date, the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. However, if sports day is cancelled due to bad weather conditions and sports day is held on the reserve date, the 16<sup>th</sup> June we will postpone our trip to the Church for another day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Morrish

#### Assemblies

14th June - Holly

28th June - Lime

5th July - Y1 (Maple and Beech)

12th July - Y2 (Cedar and Willow)

19th July - Hazel

#### Year 6 Play-'Oh what a knight!'

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July starting at 7pm.

#### Year 6 Transition Day to Cleeve

This will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Children are expected to make their own way to school for the day. Children who are not going to Cleeve should come into school as normal. NB-If your child is not going to Cleeve they will probably have Transition Days at other times. These will be authorised, but all we ask is that you inform the school office. Thank you

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#### Year 6 Music Recital

Children in Year 6 who have been having Music lessons with Music Junction will be performing to parents on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the Year 6 Block between 6-7pm. Please feel free to come along and listen to our young musicians.

#### Year 5 trip to Cleeve School-NEW

Children in Year 5 have been invited to spend time at Cleeve on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. They should arrive at school at the normal time, ready to walk up to Cleeve for a 9.15 start. I am confident that they will have an extremely enjoyable day with a range of activities. They will need to have a packed lunch that day.

#### Sports Day Reminder

Next Thursday is Sports Day for both Juniors (9am) and Infants (1.30pm). All parents are welcome to come and support.

All children can come in PE kit for the day, but please send them in with sweatshirts as well as we cannot rely upon the weather! If children have a t-shirt in their house colour



(Cleeve - green, Malvern - blue, Nottingham - yellow, Leckhampton - red) please could they wear it. If you do not know your child's house, please check with the class teacher.

As a fun event, there will be a water race followed by a closing collection, in aid of Water Aid, a charity that raises money for improving access to clean drinking water and sanitation in developing countries.

### Prince of Wales Athletics

The selection for this year's event will be based on a number of factors, not only sports day performance, but performance throughout the year in PE lessons as well as behaviour and attitude. The children who we select need to be able to represent our school in a positive manner.

### Rwanda

Thank you for the support that we received from so many Woodmancote School parents, teachers and pupils for the trip to Rwanda that Joseph Parkes in year 6 and his Mum Sarah recently made as part of a small group from St Michaels Church. If you would like to learn more about our adventures and how the funds raised are being used to alleviate poverty in Rwanda please join us on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the school hall. Both adults and children are welcome. There will be refreshments and a range of Rwandan crafts for sale to help to continue to improve the lives of some of the people we met.

### Next Publications of Newsletters

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### International Belong Week

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June As this exciting week will involve a wide variety of activities including art, dance and PE we thought it easier if all children came to school in their own clothes for the week. They may get a little messy, so please no 'best clothes'!

### Diary Dates

11 <sup>th</sup> June	Open day Court Farm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Am-Juniors Pm-Infants
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
w/b 19 <sup>th</sup> June	International Belong Week Wear own clothes all week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Area Sports (Field Events) at Balcarras School 4.15
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 5 to Cleeve School for the day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Music Recital in Year 6 block at 6pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Area Sports (Prince of Wales)
27 <sup>th</sup> June	2017 Reception Parent and child afternoon (1.30-3pm))
29 <sup>th</sup> June	2018 Reception Open Morning (9.15- 10.30)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Grandparents Afternoon for Reception 2.15pm Year 6 Transition Day to Cleeve
5 <sup>th</sup> July	2018 Reception Open Afternoon (1.30-3pm)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction Day for new staff (am)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	2017 Reception Child only afternoon (1.30-3pm)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Lido Event
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production at 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production at 7pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco (6.30-8.30)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of term



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## Residential Trips

A big thank you to all those staff who give up their time to go on the Year 4 and Year 6 Residential trips. Without them these amazing opportunities would not be available.





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