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Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of Spring Term 1, the children have continued to impress all of their teachers across the academy.

E-Safety Week

This week, the children in school have explored what it means to be safe online. The digital world is evolving fast and it is essential our pupils are taught and provided the necessary tools to make safe and sensible choices when accessing the internet. We have sent home a Vodafone leaflet for the information of all parents/carers and appreciate your support and commitment in ensuring all children are using the internet appropriately and safely. In celebration assembly, the children shared the work they have been producing in the classroom with all parents and carers.

Educational Visits

Educational visits are an opportunity for pupils in school to extend their learning, discover and explore topics being taught within the classroom and, in turn, enrich the curriculum. When staff plan and organise educational visits for pupils in school, parents /carers are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport and the visit itself. When planning these visits, staff ensure that parents / carers are charged the lowest possible amount to cover the cost of each child attending. Whilst we appreciate that this payment is voluntary, without sufficient contributions from parent / carers, the senior leadership team will have to consider whether it is feasible for these educational visits to go ahead. If any parents/carers are finding making these payments difficult, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff within the school to discuss this further.

PTA Valentine's Disco

We would like to thank the PTA for their hard work and ongoing dedication to our school. This week the PTA organised a fantastic Valentine's Disco for the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and raised a fantastic £351! Thank you to all parents / carers for your support.

Value of the Month

The value of the month this month is **unity**. We will be working hard in school to explore this value and how we can model our own behaviours to show unity. We are creating a space in school for parents to show and share how your children are demonstrating our 'value of the month' at home. A letter will be sent out very soon.

Kindest regards,

Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke

Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher



Events in our academy this week:

To view more photographs of events happening within our academy, take a look at our Twitter account @TowngatePA

Early Years

Foundation stage have had a very busy week. We have all enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and we have tasted some food which we all enjoyed. F1 have also been exploring shape in their maths work. F2 enjoyed our maths morning with our adults and we have been thinking about measuring the length of objects and placing them in order.

We have all been learning about how to stay during our e-safety week.

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

This week in Key Stage 1 we have been retelling the story about The Tiger Child. We made our writing exciting by using adjectives and we tried very hard to sequence our ideas to make our writing coherent.

We have also been continuing to work in science on our topic of healthy living. We have been learning about eating healthy food but also ways to keep a healthy mind.

Year 1 children took part in their local walk, supported by Year 5 pupils. We went to Ossett town centre to look at where we can buy healthy, fresh fruit and vegetables in our local environment.

Well done to everyone this week.

We have all worked extremely hard.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

In Key stage 2 this week Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the importance of Fairtrade and how it supports farmers. We finished off our week with a walk to the local coop to compare prices between Fairtrade and non-Fairtrade products. We look forwards to analysing our results next week.

In lower key stage 2, Year 4 have been working hard learning a song for e-safety week which they performed confidently in Friday's celebration assembly. Well done Year 4! Miss Sissons class have been busy writing poems about e-safety week about how to stay safe online and what to be aware of. Year 3 have been doing an experiment about changes of state investigating what affects the rate at which icecubes melt.

This week, Year 6 have been very busy indeed: we are thrilled to announce that three children from class 6 have been named finalists in the Rotary Young Writer award, 2019. Mrs Schofield and Mrs Johnson accompanied the children to South Parade this week to receive their certificates. Well done everyone! Year 6 have also worked hard to create a wide range of work for E-Safety week.

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Trophy Winner
EYFS	
Role Model	Oliver
Behaviour	Sebastian
Progress	Kenny
Creativity	Ruby
Key Stage 1	
Role Model	Hughie
Behaviour	Maya
Progress	Riley
Creativity	Georgia
Key Stage 2	
Role Model	Freya
Behaviour	Charlie
Progress	Oliver
Creativity	Liam

Well done to this term's Trophy winners; your hard work and commitment to learning have been noticed and celebrated.

Congratulations to you all!

Marble Winners

We celebrate excellent teamwork in our academy by awarding class marbles during learning time, transition time, playtime and lunchtime. Here are our marble winners for this week!

	Class	Marbles awarded
1 st Place	Y2	239
2 nd Place	Y3	178
3 rd Place	Y3/4	174

Congratulations to our winners this week – keep up your fantastic teamwork!



School Attendance

Whole School	97.04%
Nursery	93.37%
Reception	96.95%
Year 1	96.13%
Year 1 / 2	96.01%
Year 2	97.13%
Year 3	98.14%
Year 3 / 4	96.94%
Year 4	97.22%
Year 5	97.44%
Year 6	97.33%

Our whole school attendance target is 97% - Well done everyone!

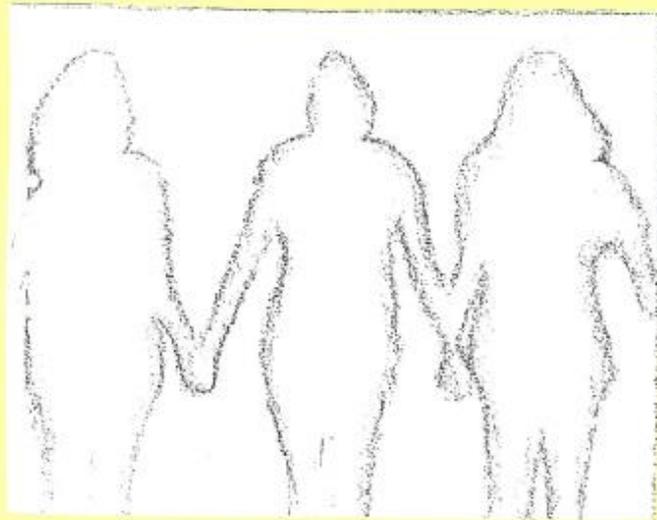
Well done everybody for your **fantastic** attendance this week – we have **exceeded** our attendance target **again!**



Value of the Month

This month's value is **unity**. Please spend some time sharing the value and its meaning with your children at home.

Unity



- Unity is working together to achieve the same goals.
- Unity is the opposite of being divided.
- Unity is standing strong together.
- One team: United.



Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current news and has clear links to fundamental British Values. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers; it is a forum for discussion.



11th February 2019
What's going on this week?



The Department for Education has announced that employees from retailers including shoe shop Clarks and newsagent WH Smith will be trained to speak to children as part of a drive to improve early language skills. Staff will be taught to strike up conversation with toddlers and young people while they try on shoes or buy things from the counter, so they can practise talking and responding to questions. Training will take place this summer.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍏 Can you list all of the different ways you learn?
- 🍏 Do you think people other than teachers should be trained to help you learn?
- 🍏 Do you think when you leave school you will stop learning? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



On Thursday 14th February we are holding 'friendship day'.

Please see the following menu for dinner choices on Thursday.



Celebrating Our Differences

Thursday 14th February

BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA

ROASTED PEPPER PIZZA

SEASONAL VEGETABLES

PANCAKES AND CHOCOLATE SAUCE

ICE CREAM







Our internet, our choice - Understanding consent in a digital world

Information and Online Resources

UK Safer Internet Centre



UK Safer Internet Centre:

The European Commission appointed UK Safer Internet Centre is made up of three partners; Childnet International, the South West Grid for Learning and the Internet Watch Foundation. Together we raise awareness about internet safety, develop information materials and resources and organise high profile events such as Safer Internet Day. Resources include a parent's guide to technology, information about parental controls and safety tools on social networks and other online services. You can access a range of resources from across the UK, Europe and wider afield at www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents.



Childnet:

Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. The Childnet website hosts all the online resources detailed below, as well as a number of recommended resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers. The Parents and Carers area also contains key advice, information on reporting and detailed information on a range of online safety topics in the hot topics section. www.childnet.com



South West Grid for Learning:

The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) is a not for profit, charitable trust dedicated to the advancement of education through information and communication technologies. They provide safe, supported broadband internet, teaching and learning services for 2,500 schools in the South West of England and e-safety education and training regionally, nationally and internationally. They provide professionals, parents and children with advice, resources and support to use internet technologies safely to enhance learning and maximise potential. www.swgfl.org.uk



Internet Watch Foundation:

The Internet Watch Foundation is the UK's hotline for reporting illegal content found on the internet. It deals specifically with child abuse and criminally obscene images hosted in the UK and internationally. The IWF works in partnership with the online industry, law enforcement, government, and international partners. It is a charity and a self-regulatory body with over 100 Members from the online industry. www.iwf.org.uk

Safer Internet Day information, resources and further support



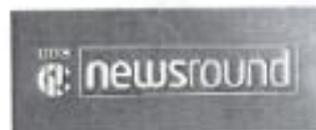
Safer Internet Day:

Celebrated globally every year, Safer Internet Day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. This year's theme is "Together for a Better Internet" and in the UK the campaign will particularly empower young people to take control of their digital lives and consider how consent works in an online context. It will explore how young people ask, give and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos of how they manage their privacy and data. www.saferinternetday.org.uk



Children's Commissioner – Young people's rights on social media:

The Children's Commissioner has created a set of one page documents explaining what the terms and conditions mean for the social media sites Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat and YouTube. Each of the guides are also broken down into three sections – 'our rules', 'your rights' and 'our rights'. bit.ly/SID2019CC



Newsround – Terms and Conditions explained:

Newsround has produced a useful guide and video explaining what terms and conditions really mean. bit.ly/SID2019newsround



UK Safer Internet Centre advice:

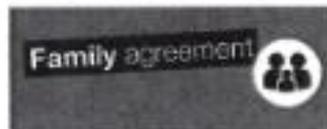
The UK Safer Internet Centre produces weekly blogs which offer information and advice on a range of topics. They are written to reflect current and emerging trends as well as questions received during training sessions. Some useful ones for this year's theme would be:

- Social media and the age of digital consent bit.ly/SID2019blog1
- How do I decide if a game is right for my child? bit.ly/SID2019blog2
- Sharenting: how am I adding to my child's digital footprint? bit.ly/SID2019blog3
- Age restrictions on social media services bit.ly/SID2019blog4

Safer Internet Day 2019 - Together for a better internet



Resources to use with children



Family agreement

Family Agreement:

As a family you may wish to set up a family agreement which is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friends house. www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement



Digiduck's Big Decision:

The Digiduck® story collection has been created to help parents and teachers educate children aged 3 - 7 about how to be a good friend online. The collection includes a book, PDF and interactive app. www.childnet.com/digiduck



Family Lives advice for talking about consent:

Family Lives is a charity which offers support with all aspects of family life. They have advice on talking about consent with children which can be applied to online consent as well. www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/sex/talking-about-consent/

Factsheets/information for parents and carers



Supporting Young People Online:

A free guide created by Childnet providing information and advice for parents and carers on supporting young people online. The advice is also available in 12 additional languages including Arabic, Hindi, Polish, Spanish, Urdu and Welsh. www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online



Information and Advice for Foster Carers/Adoptive Parents:

The UK Safer Internet Centre has worked together with Islington Council to create leaflets for foster carers and adoptive parents. The leaflets, which are free to download and easy to print, include top tips and conversation starters to help foster carers and adoptive parents get to grips with internet safety. www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption



Keeping Under Fives Safe Online:

Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age. This advice contains top tips for parents and carers for keeping children aged five and under safe online. www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online

Where to report / get help



Need help?

Information about what to do if a child comes to you for help and advice about how to report online concerns such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content or illegal behaviour. www.saferinternet.org.uk/need-help



Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP):

A police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. www.ceop.police.uk. CEOP's Think U Know website contains information for children and parents, as well as a link for children to report abuse online. www.thinkuknow.co.uk



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NSPCC:

The NSPCC has partnered with O2 to provide an online safety helpline for parents and carers to answer questions and address concerns about a child's online safety. 0800 800 5000.

They also provide the Childline helpline for children where they can talk to someone for advice and support at any time by contacting 0800 1111 or chatting to a counsellor online at www.childline.org.uk



Young Minds:

The UK's leading charity committed to improving the wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Information and advice for young people and parents/carers can be found at www.youngminds.org.uk and they also offer a free confidential helpline for parents on 0800 802 5544.



ParentPort:

ParentPort is run by the UK's media regulators and is a central hub of advice and reporting tools for across the media in order to protect children from inappropriate material. www.parentport.org.uk

Safer Internet Day 2019 - Together for a better internet

