



Where all our pupils SHINE!
Week 24 Friday 15th March 2024

REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR SLOT
Spring Term Parent's Evening

Wednesday 27th March
Sign up sheets are available at the
school office today!

Thank you to those of you
who have already returned
your forms and payment
for our whole school trip to
Hothersall Lodge on
Monday 25th March!



**FOFS Fun Run – Thursday
13th June 2024!**



‘Shining’ in this week’s Celebration Assembly were...

Colin, Fraser, Emma and Essie from The Nook will be talking about their trip to the
transport museum.

Lola and Oscar from Nicky Nook are going to tell us all about their science week learning.

Beacon class will be talking about the canal walk they went on on Wednesday. Zeke will
also be showing the boat he created at home for the Brilliant Book Awards competition.

Hannah and Sophie from Clougha are going to be telling us about the storytelling Festival
workshop they took part in on Thursday.

Pendle will be performing their instrumental version of when the saints go marching in.

**Thank you for supporting COMIC RELIEF this year. The children looked
great in their red clothes and the cake stall was a big success!**



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Canon Peter Ballard will be holding his last service at Shireshead Church on Easter Sunday (31st March). There will be a Jacobs Join in the village hall from 12.00 pm, all are welcome to join.

And finally...

What is the fastest vegetable?

A runner bean!

Dates For Your Diary

March	25 th Whole school trip to Hothersall Lodge 27 th Parents Evening 27 th Rev Peter Ballard Assembly 27 th SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON 28 TH NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL!
April	15 th SCHOOL OPENS
May	1 st Choir to sing at Oakfield 8 th Infant trip to Abbeystead Farm 10 th Y6 Parent's meeting SATS at 3.30pm 13 TH – 16 th KS2 SATS 23 rd Sports Day 24 th SCHOOL CLOSED
June	3 rd Y1 Phonics Screening 3 rd Y4,5,6 Puberty Talk 13 th FOFS Fun Run
July	12 th School Reports To Parents 19 th SCHOOL CLOSURES



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



Meet Our Expert

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SCHOOL LANE, FORTON, WYRE BOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this Order.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of School Lane, Forton from its junction with Preston Lancaster Road to its junction with Coronation Avenue.
2. Nothing in this Order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be **operative from 0800 hours on Friday 29th March 2024 until 1700 hours on Sunday 14th April 2024 or until completion of the works within this period.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Winder Lane – Ratcliffe Wharf Lane – Lancaster Road The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by GRS Contractors. [Ref: HRiT/50189/BJN]



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Morecambe Comic Con

Easter Sunday & Holiday Monday

31st March - 1st April

10am - 4pm

The Platform, Morecambe



**Free Entry
Event!**

**Now 2
Fantastic
Days!**

**Character Meet & Greet's - Star Wars - Superheroes
Photo Op's - Cosplay Competitions with prizes
Stalls selling Merchandise**