



Chapel Chat

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our assembly from PCSO Nik last week and the children designing some posters encouraging safe, legal and sensible parking I would like to thank those parents and carers who have made sure they are parking considerably outside of our school. The Mini Police, myself and PCSO Nik will be on patrol on Monday 10th February.

I hope that you saw the letter that we sent out earlier in the week about our whole school 'Resilience Day' on Friday 7th February. The children will take part in some fun activities and have the chance to climb our mobile climbing wall. This day will also be a non uniform day. This event will be part of our Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week which runs on that week.

It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 1 parents who were able to join us for a hot meal on Wednesday expertly cooked in our school kitchen by Mrs Richardson and Mrs Cook. Thank you for coming to eat with your children.

We have been busy over the last couple of weeks taking part in more sporting events and activities. The Netball Talent day at Skegness Grammar was a great success and the Y3/4 Dodgeball players enjoyed their event on Tuesday.



Graham Almond - Headteacher

Dogs on School Site

Due to Health and Safety reasons we cannot allow any dogs on our school site, even if they are on a lead. Please see Mr Almond if you use an Assistance Dog and may need to come onto the school site.



REMINDER:
No Dogs on
School Property



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th February

Netball Skegness Grammar School*

Friday 7th February

Whole School Resilience Day*

Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February

Year 5 Parents' Lunch*

New Age Curling Skegness Grammar School*

Thursday 13th February

Year 3 Class Assembly

End of Term 3

Monday 24th February

Start of Term 4

Thursday 27th February

Y5 and Y6 Planetarium (in school)

Tuesday 3rd March

Year 2 and Year 3 at Primary Prom (Lincoln)*

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

*Letter sent home

Dates
for your



School Term Dates

The proposed term dates for 2020-2021 have now been issued they are also available on our website if you have lost your copy of them.



Chapel Champions: 31st January 2020



Achievement Award

Values Award: Resilience

Reception	Harley: for independently practicing his name writing on his art work.	Emilie: for developing her confidence to be able to jump off the PE table.
Year 1	Ethan: for putting a lot of effort into every lesson this week.	Rio U: for his resilience in Maths.
Year 2	Alfie: for a wonderful chalk drawing of a snow globe.	Akira: for showing resilience when finding equal groups in Maths.
Year 3	Jake: for some wonderful stone age cave painting art-work	River: for showing resilience when recalling his multiplication facts
Year 4	Ellie: for her brilliant throwing and dodging skills in dodge-ball.	Christopher D: for not letting challenges in Maths slow him down.
Year 5	Aaliyah: for fantastic fractions work.	Imogen: for being a resilient friend to everyone.
Year 6	Ruby: for fantastic improvement in her reading assessment	Leo: for his dedication to resilience every day.

Shutting the school for snow

If we ever need to close the school due to snow we will assess the situation and if



we realise that staff or pupils would be in danger we will not open. Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and most importantly the school website.

Dodgeball

Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children went out to a Dodgeball Festival on Tuesday. They showed great sportsmanship and team work throughout.



TIKTOK is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-synching and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION 12+

What parents need to know about TIKTOK

- MATURE CONTENT:** On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to be about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are light-hearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.
- INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC:** TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-synching and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.
- TIKTOK FAME:** TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.
- ONLINE PREDATORS:** As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.
- ADDICTIVE NATURE:** Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.
- IN-APP PURCHASES:** Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £9.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.

Safety Tips for Parents

- TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS:** Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a discussion, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out personal information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them safe online.
- USE PRIVACY SETTINGS:** Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the top left of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.
- ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE:** In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.
- EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF:** Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then come use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're seeing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to see it into a learning opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.
- LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.
- MODERATE SCREEN TIME:** As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allowance allowed on the app in increments ranging from 45 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to them exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.

Meet our expert
Pete Bath is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

Head Lice in School

Head Lice are a problem for all schools. Please check your child's hair this weekend and treat if you find any lice or eggs. If everyone does this, this weekend we will start next week 'Lice Free'.