



# Ankermoor Primary Academy

Learn Together, Achieve Together

## ~ Community Newsletter ~



Friday 20th September 2019



### What's happening at Ankermoor...

Dear Parents,

This week has been an extremely busy week! We had a visit from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday and the children were an absolute credit to you and to our school.

The Ofsted team visited lessons and observed at playtimes and dinner times. They spoke to all staff, children and also to yourselves. All of these things are really important in schools.

The Ofsted team will now Quality assure the process and the full report will be sent out to you in the next few weeks.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their full support at Ankermoor. We are very lucky that we have people in our school and the wider community who want the very best for our children in order to ready them for the next steps in their learning journey!

I look forward to continuing our journey together so we can give our children the very best learning opportunities!

**Simon Russell**  
Headteacher

**Reception Inspire Workshop**  
Don't forget to come and join in with your child for Reception Workshop on Monday at 9.15am.

**Curriculum Workshop**  
Please come in on Monday at 9am to discuss our new curriculum approach!

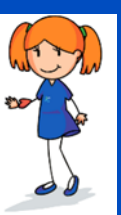
**Year 6 Reading Café**  
On Wednesday, parents are invited to year 6 from 2.30pm to read with your child and enjoy a coffee and slice of cake!

**Special Mention ~ 13.9.19**  
Reception: Joseph E  
Year 1: Mariyah B Year 2: Oscar T  
Year 3: Jamie R Year 4: Callum M-G  
Year 5: Grace C Year 6: Eleanor P

**Special Mention ~ 20.9.19**  
Reception: Delilah O'S  
Year 1: Logan F Year 2: Evie T  
Year 3: Lucy -Jo B Year 4: Daisy H  
Year 5: Martin J Year 6: Jessica T

**Attendance:**  
Winners 6.9.19: Mersey  
Winners 13.9.19: Mersey  
100% attendance!!!

**House Winners:**  
Last week's winners:  
**ANDREW!**



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# WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON...



## ONLINE SAFETY!

We have spoken to many of our children this week about the importance of online safety. Please see the leaflet relating to **WhatsApp** and the National Online Safety guidance:

**WhatsApp** is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.8 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.

**AGE RESTRICTION 16+**

**What parents need to know about WhatsApp**

**AGE LIMIT CHANGE**  
Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has now yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as sharing their account or seeking parental permission.

**SCAM MESSAGES**  
Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from Facebooks pretending to offer prizes to lucky people, or messaging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out unless they immediately provide an amount into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include links to websites, or forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or an other person.

**FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES**  
WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

**THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING**  
Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the recipient. The group chat and group video call features are great for making groups to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. While this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

**CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS**  
The more often you use WhatsApp, you tend to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and comparing which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with someone they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

**LIVE LOCATION SHARING**  
WhatsApp's Live Location feature enables users to share their current location in real-time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to share their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'share' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are". Location sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook. It may seem like a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.

**NOS National Online Safety**

**Top Tips for Parents**

**CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**  
Even though you don't reveal your child's phone number to add them as a contact, an unsecure security measure can result in allowing their profile settings to control who can see their profile picture and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is private.

**EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE**  
If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will not appear in the inbox. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat screen and tap on the settings.

**REPORT SCAM MESSAGES**  
Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sends too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

**DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**  
If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

**LEAVE A GROUP**  
If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in again. If they leave again, they cannot be added again.

**SET TIME LIMITS**  
A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 10,000 texts, 10,000 WhatsApp messages and at least ten more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially when it comes to their devices for school, weekends and free time, when simultaneously.

**USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY**  
If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need it. WhatsApp gives the option of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.



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