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Dear Families of Hempstalls.

We have had a very busy week here at Hempstalls

Firstly, a big congratulations to all our champions in Year 5 who had an exhilarating day at the ski centre, and to Year 6 who enjoyed a well ved treat at Splash Landings following their SATS.

A special mention goes out to our Good to be Gold children who earned a trip to the cinema to see 'If' for their exceptional behavior around school. Your exemplary conduct has not gone unnoticed, and we are incredibly proud of you all.

am thrilled to share the buzz surrounding Reception's Champion Bee Themed Day, which took place on Monday! Our little champions embraced the theme wholeheartedly by dressing up as bees, creating a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere around school. Throughout the day, our children had the opportunity to delve into the fascinating world of bees, learning all about their life cycles and the important role they play in our cosystem. From hive to honey, they explored every aspect of these remarkable creatures with curiosity and wonder. To top it all off, we had a special visit from a beekeeper, who shared their expertise and insights into the fascinating world of beekeeping

The excitement continued with our Hempstalls finale, culminating in a thrilling morning of TT Rockstars. The creativity and enthusiasm displayed in your rockstar outfits were simply amazing! Well done to all our rockstars, and keep practicing those timetables - you are all shining brightly!

And of course, Hempstalls has Talent was a highlight as always, showcasing the incredible skills and performances of our talented children . It is moments like these that truly make our school community shine

As we head into the half term break. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Your partnership in your children's education is invaluable

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term. Take this time to recharge and create wonderful memories with your families.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support.

Wellbeing corner



24TH MAY 2024

TERM DATES



Friday 24th May - Finish for half term Monday 3rd June - Inset day **Tuesday 4th June - Return to school**



Attendance and punctuality

Be at school every day and on time!

Year 4B trip - Kibblestone Friday June 7th

Kibblestone

International Scout Camp





Parent Protect - Internet Safety Keeping children safe online - NSPCC Keep Children Safe Online - Internet Matters

Some useful parent links to help keep our children safe online.

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CHAMPION MOMENTS



SKINING AND TUBING





SPLASH LANDING

HEMPSTALLS GOT TALENT

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What Parents & carers Need to know about

ASG ME ...



With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safey Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go a head.

VOLVING SCAMS

hatsApp's popularity makes it a crative hunting ground for ammers. Recent examples clude posing as the target's child, questing a money transfer cause of a spurious 'emergency'. us a scam where fraudsters gger a verification message by tempting to log in to your account, en (posing as WhatsApp) call or xt to ask you to repeat the code ack to them, giving them access.

ONTACT FROM

start a chat, someone only needs e mobile number of the WhatsApp er that they want to message. If ur child has ever given their mber out to someone they don't ow, that person could then ntact them via WhatsApp. It's also ssible that your child might be ided to a group chat (by one of eir friends, for example) containing ner people that they don't know.

AKE NEWS

hatsApp's connectivity and se of use allows news to be shared pidly – whether it's true or not. To mbat the spread of sinformation, messages warded more than five times on e app now display a "Forwarded

any times" label and a double row icon. This makes users aware at the message they've just ceived is far from an original ... and ght not be entirely factual, either.

OF SONLINE

VIEW ONCE

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screensho this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

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CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authenticatio The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversions and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ... TYPING..

MPHASISE CAUTION

courage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: et them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like mething a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they low *never* to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification Ids a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

FAKE NEWS

DJUST THE SETTINGS

s wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', en 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to oup chats without needing approval: you can give permission to ly Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child reds to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this nction for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them sate. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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