

Carbeile Junior School

Summer 2019

Newsletter 6

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Writing Moderation

After the visit from Sandy Brown, National Leader in Education, the important visitors keep on rolling into Carbeile! Although Cornish schools are moderated for writing, on average, once every 4 years, we were selected to be moderated for our writing again, for the third time in 4 years.

Although this entails a huge amount of work and dictates what our end of Key Stage writing percentage is for the end of the year, it was also hugely beneficial as it totally vindicated all of the judgments we have made for the children in Year 6. The two moderators were extremely impressed with all we have done with the pupils.

We are still awaiting final percentages but we are confident that we will have met, and exceeded our high expectations. This could be the best year for writing in Carbeile's history!! This is a fabulous achievement for all of the children in Year 6 and demonstrates that our '4 year plan' of outstanding teaching from Year 3 to Year 6 is making a huge impact.

Free Vitamins!

You could be eligible for free vitamins, check out the link below to see if you can benefit from this initiative.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news-room/media-releases/news-from-2019/news-from-june-2019/hundreds-of-families-in-cornwall-miss-out-on-free-vitamins/>

Cuddly Toy Request

To reinvigorate the school library, the children have voted for a 'deep sea' theme to replace the current woodland theme. Therefore, if you have anything you think would enhance this (cuddly toys,

mobiles etc) then we would be very grateful for anything you can spare.

IDFS Status

On Monday 17th June, we welcomed the next set of visitors into Carbeile. It has been a busy half term for this but we have loved showcasing our school and we are all confident that all of these important people are going to love it as much as we do!

Due to the hard work of Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Parry, plus the outstanding work of all teachers and teaching assistants we were thrilled that the IDFS team rated our school very highly and awarded us with the Inclusive Dyslexia Friendly Schools quality mark. In fact they raised a number of grades within our assessment form as they believed we were exceeding the criteria.

Thank you to all of the parents who took their time to come in and speak to the IDFS team. We were informed about some very interesting feedback from a number of parents, which we will take on board.

A Sad Loss

It is with great sadness that I let you know about the passing of Chris Trethewey, a member of the Carbeile family for many years. When I joined Carbeile in 2002, Chris was so welcoming and she never had a bad word to say about anyone. She was a hard working, committed teacher and leader of Year 5 whose biggest priority was the children. I feel lucky to have known Chris, and will remember her as one of the best people I have ever met. She will be missed!

E-Safety

WhatsApp is a very popular app that many children use to communicate. There is some great advice here!



WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 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 not 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 closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES
Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people' encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another 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 receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people 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. Whilst 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
To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need 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 recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody 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 show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' 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 Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be 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.

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Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo 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 protected.

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 stay undelivered. 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 stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES
Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds 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'.

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 once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

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 to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

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 is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS
A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 20,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up 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 since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

SOURCES: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/apr/20/whatsapp-privacy-62-bar-under-16-the-mystery-is-how>; <https://whatsappbrand.com/>; <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/whatsapp-update-latest-india-hoaxes-derived-messages-app-download-a8456011.html>

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

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Scooters and Bikes

After yet another near miss between a scooter and a car today on the way home from school we will have to insist that all children wear a helmet if they are coming to school on a scooter or a bike.

This has always been a school rule but I have noticed a number of children on scooters and no helmets. Therefore, any child who comes to school on a scooter or bike with no helmet will have to walk home or ask parents to come and collect their bike/scooter. Thank you.

Summer Term Dates for your diary

Friday 21 st June	Year 6 Woodlands trip
Monday 24 th -Wednesday 26 th June	Year 5 Porthpean Residential Visit
Tuesday 25 th June	STEM trip to Exeter Westpoint
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 3 – We The Curious Trip
Friday 5 th July	9.30am – Year 2 Parents to Carbeile for introductory talk
Monday 8 th July	10.00 – Year 4 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 10 th July	Transition Day – All Year 6 children to TCC, all other year groups to spend the day with new teachers, Year 2 to Carbeile
Friday 12 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
Wednesday 17 th July	Health and Well Being Day
Thursday 25 th July	Last Day at school
Friday 26 th July	START OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY – Children NOT in school
Wednesday 4 th September	INSET DAY – Children NOT in school
Thursday 5 th September	Children back to school