PAGET PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 5TH 2020

TO BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE

A Word from the Head

I have recently received a complaint from a local resident about parents parking in places they shouldn't park. When challenged about this the parent became verbally abusive towards the local resident and in front of her child and their own child used a torrent of swear words. If find it wholly unacceptable that a parent would wish their child to hear such abusive language.

Yet again I ask that parents consider where they park at the end of the school day ensuring that driveways are not blocked and that access to the school gates is clear at all times. The evening we returned from the theatre in December, it was incredibly difficult for the coaches to get round as a result of the way certain parents had parked. Please, please, please think about how and where you park – surely a two minute walk is better than a dead or severely injured child.

Vicky Nussey

Safeguarding:Chatroom Alert!

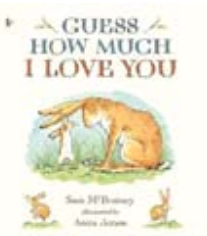
We have been made aware by BCC safeguarding team of a chat room application called Discord. This app is commonly used by gamers to talk to each other whilst gaming. Users can send direct messages to one another or listen in to larger group chats. Connecting with friends is easy - users can simply join an existing gaming server or send an email invitation to start a new one. Most significantly, you do not have to download an app to use it as it can be accessed via any browser and is free to use. There is an information leaflet for parents about this with this newsletter.

Values – Love

The value of the month for February is Love. What is love?

- Love is caring and sharing.
- Love is feeling safe.
- Love is wanting the best for all.
- Happiness is love inside.
- Happiness is knowing I am loved.

At school we will be discussing what love means to the children and how you can show love for others by caring, sharing and respecting each other. The children will also learn how acts of love and kindness can lead to their own and others' well-being, by helping us to feel strong and happy inside. We will be spreading love through deeds and plenty of smiles. We will be learning songs about love and reading stories where the moral of the story is to care for each other. Have you read this book?



Attendance and Punctuality matter –

We need your support, if your child is absent from school, we need communication. A phone call, a text, a Whatsapp message or an email.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 2B for the best attendance this month of 97.3%.

Can you help your class do better?

Attendance for the school year is currently 96.25%

January attendance is 96.3%

January's minutes late arriving is 1808.

This is lost learning!

We need to do better Paget!

Foundation

Nursery and Reception would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who attended our workshops. It was lovely to see so many of you and we hope you found them useful when supporting your child at home. We know that the children loved you being in school and playing lots of games with you. Thank you for your continued support!

Sporting Talent –

#WE CAN

What an incredible start to 2020, Team Paget teams have been outstanding and showed so many of our sporting values within the King Edwards Partnership. Team Paget have represented at Archery, Basketball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Girls Football and Boys Football. Well done to everyone involved.

Please keep a look out on @PagetPrimary for photos in support of our teams and athletes.

#ActivAll

CHALLENGE

Mr Cobbs new challenge is up and running, please try and have a go! All classes are actively involved in our latest challenge and all children are having the chance to improve their scores within the classroom and at lunchtime. Parents/Carers it is your chance soon! #activall #personalbest #activeminutes

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is national Children's Mental Health Week! At Paget we will be marking this by reflecting upon what is meant by mental health and sharing with the pupils some simple strategies for promoting good mental health such as regular physical exercise, a good night's sleep and relaxation/mindfulness activities. During the week the children will have the opportunity to take part in a yoga session*, go on a walk around the school and have some time to relax with their favourite book. They will also have the opportunity to explore the importance of talking about and sharing their worries and develop their awareness of how and where they can seek help should they need it.

We will also be sending out information on strategies and approaches that parents and carers can use to help support their child's mental health.

And finally… a challenge!

There is a growing body of evidence that extended screen time and use of technology in all its forms is having a detrimental impact on children's (and adults') mental health. On Thursday we are going to be challenging all our children, parents and staff to have a technology free evening! Check out this website for ideas on what you and your child can do instead:- https://youngminds.org.uk/take20/20-activities-for-20-minutes/

Let us know how you get on!

*for the yoga session children will not need their PEkit, but will be expected to go barefoot. Girls will need to bring in a pair of leggings/cycling shorts etc if they are wearing a skirt.

E-Safety Year Three

Following our return from the half term break, Year Three have revisited the rules of online safety. These are:

- Keep their personal information safe.
- Understanding that some people online are strangers.
- Be kind to others.
- Always ask permission to go online.
- Do not share photos online.
- Tell an adult if something upsets you or report it to www.ceop.police.uk

Please remind your children about these rules when they are accessing any devices they may use away from school.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Aspire People for donating a bike to the school.

We honestly can't thank them enough! #teampaget

After School Club

Please note there is **no Net and Wall Games** on Friday 14th February. Please make arrangements for your child /children to be collected at 3.20 pm.

The club will be back on after half term.

Through the Decades Day

On Friday 14th February we are going to have a whole school themed day focussing on history, looking at aspects such as fashion, music key events and people through the decades. As Nursery are not in school on a Friday they will hold their day on Tuesday 11th February. Each year group will focus on a different decade as outlined below:

Class/Year Group	Decade	Costume requests
Reception	1990s	Non-uniform day-children wear own clothes
Nursery	1990s	A character from 90s children's T.V. or own clothes
Year One	1930s	Our focus is film and animation of the 1930s we would like the children to dress up as a character from one of the more famous films of the 1930s. Films and animations include The Wizard of Oz, Snow White and Mickey Mouse short films. Alternatively, they could wear green to represent Emerald City from the Wizard of Oz.
Year Two	1950s	Party clothes as Year 2 will be having a right royal affair.
Year Three	1920s	1920s costume – children are welcome to go all out with full costumes or they can just wear things like flat caps, dresses, dress jewellery, long gloves etc.
Year Four	1940s	1940s school child/evacuee e.g.
Year Five	1980s	1980s fashion - think big hair, bold colours, shoulder pads and denim e.g.
Year Six	1970s	Our theme is punk, rock and soul. Children can wear clothing with flares or any item of clothing that is brown, yellow and orange. If they want to come with more of a flair, children can paint their faces or dress up as a punk rocker. A Jamaican themed hat or t-shirt would also be welcome, linked to Bob Marley. Please do not purposefully go out and buy garments you do not have at home.
Panthers	1960a	A fancy dress relevant to a 60's cartoon character E.G. Scooby-Doo, The Flintstones and Batman all started in this decade. It doesn't have to be a full costume you might already have a top, some pyjamas or a cape. If not why not help your child make a mask.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 12th Feb 2020	**School Disco**
Friday 14th Feb 2020	**Break up for Half Term**

HALF TERM

Monday 24th Feb 2020	**School opens for pupils**
Tuesday 10th Mar 2020	**Parents' Evening**
Thursday 12th Mar 2020	**Parents' Evening**
Thurs 26-Fri 27 Mar 2020	**Y2 Residential**
Friday 3rd April 2020	**Break up for Easter holiday**
Monday 6th –Fri 17th April 2020	**Easter Holiday**
Monday 20th Apr 2020	**Term starts for pupils**
Thursday 7th May 2020	**Election Day School Closed to children**
Friday 8th May 2020	**Bank Holiday**
Monday 11th-14th May 2020	**Y6 SATs week**
Fri 22nd May 2020	**Break up for Half Term**

HALF TERM

Mon 1st June 2020	**School opens for pupils**
Wed 24th –Fri 26th June 2020	**Y6 Residential**
Fri 17th Jul 2020	**Children break up for the summer**
Mon 20th July 2020	**Teacher day**

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

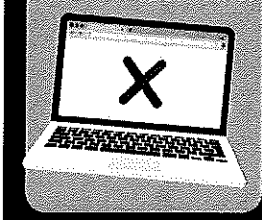
With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

What parents need to know about DISCORD

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Your child can access almost any chat server on Discord. This means they can easily be exposed to content and conversations that are inappropriate, upsetting or potentially harmful.



SEXUAL IMAGERY

Despite there being guidelines in place to prevent it, users are able to circulate adult content. This can include sexualised images, pornographic videos and provocative discussions. It's important to stay alert and know the risks that your child could be exposed to.

RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Interactions on the platform are largely unregulated. This means other users can easily say and show things to your child that might be offensive and upsetting. The competitive nature of gaming can lead users to make abusive and harmful remarks about your child.

HIDDEN CHARGES

Though the basic platform is free, your child will be encouraged to sign up to premium subscriptions, which give extra perks, such as animated emojis and free games. The two options are known as 'Nitro Classic' (which costs £4.99 a month) and Nitro (which costs £9.99 a month). Prices are only converted to pound sterling during the payment process.

RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without realising the consequences.

STRANGER DANGER

To create an account, you only need to display a username and profile image. This makes it easy for someone to hide his or her real identity. Predators from anywhere in the world can join a chat server, message your child and quickly leave to avoid detection. Forbes reports groomers have been targeting children susceptible to online coercion on the platform.

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Top Tips to Protect Your Child

1 BEWARY OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c

2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.

3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.

4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly using the email: abuse@discordapp.com. It's a good idea to teach your child how to screenshot any negative interactions too.

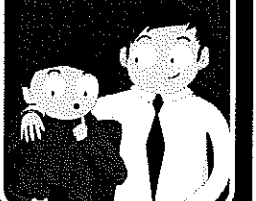
5 BE WARY OF NSFW CONTENT

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is supposed to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).

6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/guidelines



7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.

Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.

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