

## Newsletter for Belle Vue Primary & Nursery School



**Help our school win a share of £12,000 by supporting us in the Express & Star Cash for Schools competition.**

All you have to do is collect as many tokens as possible which will appear every day in the Express & Star newspaper from **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022** to **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**. You can pick up a copy at your local newsagent or supermarket.

The five schools with the most tokens collected per pupil, will walk away with a cash prize. The first placed school with the most tokens collected per pupil will scoop a whopping £5,000, followed by £3,000 for second, £2,000 for third and then two £1,000 awards, which will be presented to the fourth and fifth place schools.

Our school will be featured in a special launch supplement on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**, showcasing the schools taking part.

Encourage family, friends, and neighbours to collect tokens on behalf of our school.



Please note that our office opening hours are **8:30am—4:00pm**. If you need to contact the office please call/visit between these times. If you need to report an absence before **8:30am** please leave a message on the absence line.



Thank you

**School Staff Car Park:** We have noticed that parents and carers are still pulling up on our carpark to drop off their child/children for Breakfast Club. This is a very busy car park for **staff only and deliveries**. Please do not pull up in the car park, drive through the car park or park there whilst dropping off or collecting from school, Nursery or Breakfast and Afterschool Club. We will have no alternative but to keep the gates closed if this continues to happen.



**School Lunches:** Our catering providers have advised us that due to the implantation of Natasha's Law all meals have to be booked in advance. The kitchen will not cater for children whose meal has not been booked by **10am**. Our online system allows you to book until midnight the night before, if you are unable to book online please ensure that you ring the school office by **10am**. The office staff will then book a meal for your child.

Please be aware that if your child does not have a packed lunch or a meal booked by **10am**, the office staff will call parents/carers and ask them to bring a packed lunch to school.

**Belle-Vue Primary School E.Safety Advice:** Keeping yourself safe online seems to be a full time job. It is hard enough as adults but often our children are more adept than us in navigating Tik-Tok, Whatsapp, Roblox etc. Please check on our school website for the latest E.Safety Advice.

**SATs Week:** Year 6 have their SATs week commencing **9th May**. It is really important that all Year 6 children are in on time and well rested for that week. As with any other day, can you please make sure your child has had a good nights sleep and eaten breakfast before they arrive to school.



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 15th March	Year 4—The Vikings Experience Day
Friday 25th March	Year 3—The Stone Age Experience Day
Friday 8th April 2022	Last Day of Term
Monday 25th April 2022	First Day of Term
W/C Monday 9th May	SATs Week for Year 6
Tuesday 17th May 2022	Reception Trip to Bishops Wood
Friday 27th May 2022	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6th June 2022	Return to School
Wednesday 8th June 2022	Year 1 Trip—National Sea Life Centre
Wednesday 20th July 2022	End of Year
Thursday 21st July 2022	School Closed to pupils-Teacher Training (INSET)
Friday 22nd July 2022	School Closed to all—Queen's Jubilee

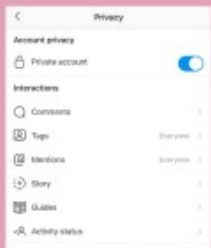
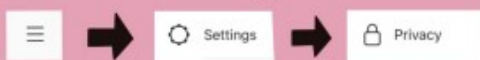
# Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.



## Instagram



**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers **(recommended: on)**

**COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY:** allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.



## Tiktok



**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers **(recommended: on)**

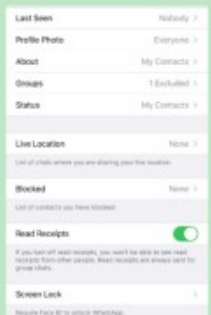
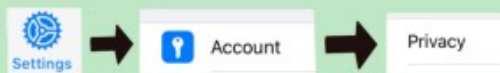
**SAFETY:** Tiktok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts **(recommended: friends)**

**COMMENT FILTERS:** you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in **(recommended: on)**

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.



## WhatsApp



**PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS:** You can change who can see a profile photo and status **(recommended: my contacts)**

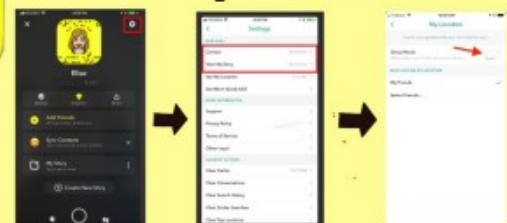
**GROUPS:** allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups **(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)**

**BLOCKED:** can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!



## Snapchat



**CONTACT:** decide who can message you and send you snaps **(recommended: my friends)**

**VIEW MY STORY:** restrict who can see your story **(recommended: my friends)**

**GHOST MODE:** if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map **(recommended: on)**

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



## Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team who played against The Glynne at home on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Playing our first league match nerves were flying high but we came out with a fantastic result winning 7-4! This result put us at the top of the league table. All players played absolutely superb as a team and we had an amazing turn out of spectators to watch our first win.



Another congratulations to our other Year 5/6 football team who played our second league match away against The Glynne on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. We came home with another brilliant win of 5-1. Remaining at the top of table with a fantastic goal difference. All players were faultless at the game and played amazing as a team.



Due to a positive intake of letters for Year 4 After School Club the children will be split into two terms so that everybody has the opportunity to come along and have fun. Letters will be sent out next week to the children including all dates and information.

There are spaces still available for Year 5 After School Club on a **Friday 3:30-4:30**. If your child would like to attend please see the office to add their names to the list.

**Please make sure your children have brought back their PE kit as we are having children who do not have their kit for PE in school. All children need to have a pair of pumps and trainers in school, as it is not safe for children to be doing PE in their school shoes. Unless their kit is dirty or wet please can we keep kits in school.**

**Indoor and outdoor kit needs to be in school every week as we will be doing as much PE outside as we can. Children are also able to wear coats, gloves, hats, snoods or scarfs if they wish to. It is essential that all children have trainers to wear outdoors as school shoes are not permitted and pumps are not ideal.**

- \* **Indoor PE kit:** white t-shirt, red short and pumps.
- \* **Outdoor PE kit:** joggers, hoodie or jacket, white t-shirt and trainers.

If they attend after school clubs and go home in their PE kits please ensure PE kits are returned.

PE days for the children;

**Year 1 PE days** – Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning.

**Year 2 PE days** – Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon.

**Year 3 PE days** – Monday morning and Tuesday morning.

**Year 4 PE days** – Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

**Year 5 PE days** – Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

**Year 6 PE days** – Monday morning, Thursday morning.



## **Family Support Update**

### **Foodbank Appeal**

As I mentioned in my previous update, we are now Foodbank voucher providers. If you are struggling with the increase in food and fuel prices then please contact me, as I may be able to help with food vouchers and some helpful advice.

As well as receiving support from the Foodbank, we would also like to offer them our support. We have decided to take part in their '**80 Can Challenge**' and we would like to collect at least 80 items for them during Lent. I have attached a flyer with more details. If you would like to contribute, then please place the items in the large bag in the school office or send them into class with your child. The last date for contributing will be **1<sup>st</sup> April**.

### **Easter Egg Appeal**

Santa's Black Country Toy Appeal charity have decided to collect Easter Eggs this year for those families who are unable to buy an egg for their children. I have attached a flyer with more details. If you would like to donate an egg, then please contribute in the same manner as the food above. The last date will be **1<sup>st</sup> April**. If you will struggle to purchase eggs for your children, then please let me know and I may be able to refer you to the charity for support.

### **Free School Meals**

If you are in receipt of benefits, your children may qualify for free school meals. Even if they are in Key Stage 1 and receive free school meals due to their age, it is still beneficial to register for free school meals, as you will then receive vouchers in the school holidays to spend at a supermarket. Please follow the link below to find out more information.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>

### **Parenting Courses**

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest in the course around sleep, so it has been cancelled. We would like to run another session which addresses sibling conflict and how to manage fighting and aggression. If you are interested in attending, please contact me via [family@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:family@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk). Once we have enough interest we will look at possible dates which suit those interested.

If you are unable to attend the sessions in school hours, then you may be interested in the online sessions. Please contact me for details.

Mrs Slater



## Do something different for Lent in 2022 - join in our 80 can challenge!

Foodbanks are facing more pressure as energy costs soar, food prices increase and many face financial worries. We hope to be able to support people through these difficult times and can only do that with the incredible support we receive from our donors. Please join our 80 Can Challenge!

Lent lasts 40 days and 40 nights so we challenge as many of you as possible to collect and donate 80 cans/packets of food to Black Country Foodbank.

This challenge can be taken up in the workplace, at school, in your church community, faith community, at home with your family or neighbours or in those clubs and societies that you are members of.

How you do it is up to you, but please be encouraged to take up the challenge!

For suggestions as to what you can donate please see the list below:-

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| • 1L CARTONS OF UHT MILK                       | • BATH SPONGES/FACE CLOTHS |
| • 1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE (FROM CONCENTRATE) | • SHAMPOO                  |
| • JARS OF COOKING SAUCE                        | • SHOWER GEL               |
| • PACKETS OF MASHED POTATOES                   | • DEODORANT                |
| • JAM/MARMALADE                                | • SHAVING FOAM             |
| • SMALL JARS OF COFFEE                         | • TOILET ROLL              |
| • TINNED FRUIT                                 | • SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES      |
| • TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNE BEEF)                 | • TOOTHPASTE               |
| • INSTANT NOODLES                              | • HANDWASH                 |
| • PKTS BISCUITS                                | • CAN OPENERS              |

It need not just be cans – packets and toiletry items are needed too.

Once you have collected your items if you would like us to collect them, please contact [admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk) or phone 01384 671250

For more information, please see our website [www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk)







# EASTER EGG APPEAL



Kids don't just miss out at  
Christmas!

Please help us collect Easter Eggs  
for children who may not  
get one this Easter



**We are collecting eggs until 5th April 2022**

 **Santa's** 

Please get in touch to find your nearest  
collection point or drop us a message



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**Black Country Toy Appeal**



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