



# Oakfield Schools Federation

13th January 2023



This term we will be launching back into our character assemblies. So far this year we have investigated the virtues:

- Kindness and Caring
- Helpfulness
- Collaboration
- Courage

I have been very interested to hear from some of you that your children have been practicing these over the holidays, especially the virtue of helpfulness.... Apologies if this has meant receiving breakfast in bed at 5.30am on your day off 😊!

Over the next 2 weeks we will be delving into the virtue of 'Cleanliness'. The infant children have already had an assembly on ways to stay clean and next week the Juniors will be looking at hygiene including food preparation.

If you have a moment you might want to help you child identify all of the ways, they practise cleanliness, and we can talk about it more in our next assembly.

Many thanks

Miss Chisholm

2022-23 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	07/09/22 – 21/10/22
Autumn 2	31/10/22 – 22/12/22
Spring 1	09/01/23 – 17/02/23
Spring 2	27/02/23 – 31/03/23
Summer 1	17/04/23 – 26/05/23
Summer 2	5/06/22 – 21/07/23

PE Days		
Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
R	Tuesday	Friday
1	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Monday	Friday
3	Wednesday	Friday
4	Tuesday	Thursday
5	Swimming - Tuesday	Monday
6	Monday	Wednesday

New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
16/01/23	Theatre Club begins	15.30
26/01/23	Parent meeting for Infant Parents (Ofsted feedback)	17.00
02/02/23	Year 5 parents Residential Meeting	15.45 and 17.15
17/02/23	Break up for half term	
27/02/23	Spring term 2 begins	
31/03/23	Break up for Easter Holidays	
17/04/23	Summer Term begins	
02/05/23	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)	
08/05/23	Kings Coronation Bank Holiday (School Closed)	
26/05/23	Break up for Half term	
29/05/2023	Start of Summer term 2	
21/07/23	Break up for Summer Holidays	

### Infant Ofsted

As many of you will be aware the Infant School received a visit from Ofsted on the 29th and 30th November. We will be sending the report home on Monday with your child. The findings are as we expected them to be, and I know you will want to hear the successes and also the development areas the school has moving forward. In light of this we will be having an **Ofsted coffee evening on 26th January 2023 at 17.00, in the infant hall.** We will go through the report and answer any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing Infant parents then. I would like to thank all of the staff for their continued dedication to improving the school up until now and relish the support they have shown in the next part of our school improvement journey.

### Labelling uniform

Please can all parents ensure they are labelling their uniforms. We do have several items going to the wrong owner as we have no way of identifying them. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

### Times table meeting year 4

In year 4 our children take part in the national multiplication test. These will be taken in June. In preparation for this year 4 will be holding a parent's morning where they can come into school and do timetables games with their children. Please keep an eye out for a Microsoft form in the coming week. In the meantime, can you please encourage your child to practise their timetables on TT Rock stars. This will really help prepare them for the assessment and improve number fluency in their maths mastery lessons.

## TT Rock Stars

Please can you encourage your children to spend time each week on TT Rock stars. As you will know, tables are the fundamental building block of fluent and confident maths. Keep an eye out for challenges and competitions as the term progresses!

## Microsoft Forms

- Y5 Residential Meeting going out today, form to be returned by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

## NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

This week, all pupils in Years 5 and 6 have taken part in the fabulous Speak Out, Stay Safe workshop run by the NSPCC. Within the workshop, pupils learn in an age-appropriate manner, how to protect themselves or their friends from bullying or different forms of abuse; the importance of identifying trusted adults that they could turn to for help was also reinforced if they are in a situation where they feel worried; and finally, pupils learnt about Childline and how it can support them. The NSPCC reported that all pupils were engaged, responsive and a delight to help educate; brilliant, that's always lovely to hear.

Now to reinforce the NSPCC's message to pupils across all years in school, it is your turn as a parent or guardian. Attached is an NSPCC information leaflet. On it there are important messages that can be reinforced to all children at home. There is a link to a brilliant Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly at home – something for all the family. Finally, a second link is to a short parental training session – training that empowers everyone to know what to do if a child needs help, and where support can be accessed. All accessible from your own home! We do hope it is a resource that is useful to you.


# NSPCC

## Speak Out Stay Safe

### What kids learn

With the help of our mascot Buddy, our Speak out Stay safe programme covers topics like bullying and abuse - without using any scary words or adult language.

Children learn about the different types of abuse in a child-friendly and age appropriate way, so they can get help if or when they need it. We help them identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend. And they learn about **Childline**, and how it can support them.



### Messages to remember

Help kids learn and remember that:

- Every child has the right to speak out and stay safe.
- Making a child feel sad, scared or worried is never OK and is never their fault.
- If they're ever worried about anything they should tell an adult they trust.
- Whatever their worry, they can always call Childline on 0800 1111 or visit [childline.org.uk/kids](https://childline.org.uk/kids).

There is also a virtual Speak out Stay safe assembly to watch at home, and some fun activities. It's fun for the whole family – and you might spot a few famous faces helping our volunteers present!

[Watch our Speak out Stay safe assembly at home | NSPCC](#)

## Listen up, Speak up

With our free 10-minute digital training, we're empowering every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself. Sign up at the link below.

[Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)



## Marvellous Me and School Ping

You may remember that we mentioned introducing 2 apps to really help with communication between yourselves and school. We have been working behind the scenes to get all data protection arrangements in place.

Next week you will be receiving a Microsoft form asking you to consent for us to use Marvellous Me. We would be grateful if you could have this completed as soon as is possible. This way we hope to get Marvellous Me up and running by the start of February.

Following this we will be sending a paper consent for School Ping. This is paper as School Ping has a number of applications and we need to ensure you understand the different consents you need to give. We hope to have this up and running by the start of Spring 2. We are currently just waiting for the DPIA to be written and approved.

I thank you for your patience whilst we get the legal data side of things organised.

## Safeguarding and attendance

### World of Warcraft

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WORLD OF WARCRAFT**

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation – but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
12+

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**ALWAYS ONLINE**  
World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is always on, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – as long as you have a good internet connection and a computer.

**REGULAR EXPANSIONS**  
As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release major expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). In addition, there's still plenty of content for young players to experience. Right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to purchase future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £35.

**IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

**VOICE AND TEXT CHAT**  
Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they can't control the voice chat. You'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because while you have less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being troled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

**SIMULATED VIOLENCE**  
The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles are slightly cartoonish compared with the level of realism found in many more recent games. The exception tends to be animated sections which show the plot cuts the most gory. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

**POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION**  
World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they push to secure the next dopamine hit from leveling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite end – because as soon as a player finishes leveling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**MANAGE PLAYTIME**  
World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game for your child, but it's important that your child doesn't let their head-in-the-clouds get in the way of anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

**MAKE IT A REWARD**  
If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (this could even call their "quests") like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

**SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL**  
Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively "buys" for the regular new content, but there's a free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a cent. The "level hour" (and Level 20 for free, which is the "level hour" of worth of gameplay) is just a trial. We'd suggest trying it out first, and if you're not enjoying it, you can stop in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

**REMEMBER THE AGE RATING**  
Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificates). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

**ADVENTURE TOGETHER**  
Warcraft is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

**Meet Our Expert**  
Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Digital Spy and has been working in the games media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he also parents and therefore understands the concerns of many parents about their children's gaming habits. His articles have been published on influential sites including BBC and TechCrunch.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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In the guide, you'll find tips on several potential risks such as the potential for online addiction, in-game purchases, and simulated violence

Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance. We will be looking at persist absenteeism now we are 1/3 of the way through the academic year. If you feel you would like any support with attendance please don't hesitate to make an appointment to come in for a chat with me (Miss Chisholm) over a cuppa to see how we can support you.

School / Year	Spring 1	
	Attendance	Minutes late
	Week 1	
<b>Junior Overall</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>3 hr 20 min</b>
<b>Infant Overall</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>3 hr 7 min</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>9 min</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>1 hr 42 min</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>1 hr 19 min</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>10 min</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>25 min</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>33 min</b>
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Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head