

Newsletter - Friday 10th March 2023

We have had our first music tuition with Mr Reay, the children had a great time learning the ukulele. There are still spaces if your year 1 or year 2 child would like to join!!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Swansbury and Mrs Blakeman for all their hard work whilst they have worked here. We wish them lots of luck in their new adventures!

Mrs Allen, Headteacher

Easter Bonnet Parade

Just to remind you all about our annual Easter Bonnet Parade for all of our children (letters home will follow soon)

We look forward to seeing your child's creative skills making their bonnet at home and bringing in for their parade

Attendance

Well done to Miss Clarke's class for winning the attendance bear this week with 99.3% attendance.

Dates for your Diary 2022-2023

Fri 17 Mar 2023- Comic Relief Red Nose Day (Non-uniform all pupils to dress in something red)
Mon 27 Mar 2023 Parents Evening
Tue 28 Mar 2023 Parents Evening
Wed 29 Mar 2023 - 2 YEAR OLDS AND NURSERY ONLY Easter Bonnet Parade
Fri 31 Mar 2023 - Easter Bonnet Parade - Rec, Year 1 & Year 2
Fri 31 Mar 2023 School closes for Easter holiday
Mon 17 Apr 2023 - School reopens
Mon 1 May 2023 - May Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May 2023 - Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation

ATTENDANCE FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2022

Overall attendance 94.6% Target 96%

AJS 93.0% EL 95.3% SC 95.9% KC 94.2%

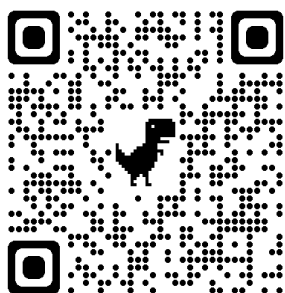
Ukulele Lessons

If you would like your child to learn to play the Ukulele then please contact the school office.

Lessons take place during school hours and cost £5.00 per lesson. You can pay weekly or termly online. You are not charged for missed lessons if your child is absent

Online Payments-Pay360 Educational Payments

Any parents who require help to set up your account (you do not need a different code every time you need to pay) please contact the school office and we will be able to assist you. Once set up your account you can pay for everything trips, clubs etc. as we move forward to a cashless system. You can also scan this QR Code to take you directly to the main page



Uniform

Please can all parents/carers ensure that **ALL** items of their child's uniform have their child's name marked somewhere as we are not responsible for any lost items



Social Media

Please can we remind parents/carers to follow our Social Media pages as we are always updating our pages with the excellent activities our children are doing in school

Reporting a Pupil absence

If your child is absent from school you **must** contact the school office.

You can either speak to a member of staff or leave a message on 0191 9171910.

Please **DO NOT** inform us via ClassDojo. Staff may not check Dojo throughout the day as they are teaching, so messages will be missed.



ClassDojo

It's fantastic to see so many parents getting involved again and we would love to see more!! Please keep checking for updates in the class story and please send photos of what your child is getting up to at home, we love to see them having fun!!

If you see a post please feel free to comment and like it on the class posts, it really means a lot to staff!!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Although every child receives Universal Free School Meals up to Year 2 you can still apply for income based Free School Meals. This helps school but also gives you access to additional funding when it is available.

Please go to your Sunderland City Council website Parent Portal to apply.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact school and speak to either Mrs Allen or Miss Lumsden

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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