



Upcoming Events

March

8th April—22nd April Easter Holiday

18th April Reception 2019 Offer day

Tuesday 23rd Children back at school for the Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th Artsnight work with 8 Year 4 children

Wednesday 24th Suntrap meeting for year 5 North Parents 9am and 5.30pm

Thursday 25th Suntrap meeting for Year 5 South parents 8.45am & 5.30pm

Thursday 25th Kingfisher & Kestrel at Suntrap

Friday 26th Closing date for being Kind Poster

Friday 26th Kittiwake & Kinglet at Suntrap

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 1st Artsnight work

Thursday 2nd Sparrow Class camp at Suntrap return on Friday

Nursery Open Day North

Friday 3rd Mallard class assembly

Nursery Open day South

Competition

One of our Vice Captains has come up with a fantastic Easter holiday competition linked to our motto and the ethos of the school. Kamran would like for the children to design a poster promoting kindness and good manners .

He would like the designs to be A4 and colourful and highlight how children can be kind to others and examples of good manners. There will be prizes for the top 4 and we will make them into posters to have displayed around the school.

The year 6 children have been reading Wonder and in it is an inspirational quote “Shall we make a new rule of life … Always to try to be a little kinder than is necessary”. It is originally from J.M. Barrie’

s book called *The Little White Bird*

Closing date for entries is the 26th April 2019.



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Mission Grove

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We have had a very busy week to finish a very hectic term. It was great to see so many amazing hats today walking through the market for our annual parade. It was very difficult to choose winners this year. Thankfully the captains and vice captains were on hand to do the judging.

The children had a fun night at film night. The money raised help toward the cost of the Year 1 trip to London Zoo. Please look at the website to see some pictures of the fantastic day they had.

The summer term is packed with lots events. Key dates to keep free are

⇒ Saturday 27th April for The Big Dig,

⇒ Tuesday 18th June Mission Globes,

⇒ Saturday 6th July—Summer Fair 11am—3pm

⇒ Thursday 11th July—Sports day

Next Half term the children in Year 5 will get the opportunity to spend a night camping at Suntrap.

There will be meeting for parents on both sites when we return after the holiday. Wednesday 24th April there will be 2 meetings on the North site at 9am and 5.30pm. There will be identical meetings on the South site on Thursday 25th at 8.45am and 5.30pm. At the meetings you will be informed about the arrangements and what the children will need to bring with them.

- Sparrow class will be going first and leaving on Thursday 2nd May and Returning to school on Friday 3rd May.
- Swan & Swallow will go on Tuesday 7th May and return Wednesday 8th May
- Starling will go Wednesday 8th May and return Thursday 9th
- Skylark will go Thursday 9th May and return Friday 10th May.

Thank you to the PTA who organised some lovely events last Friday for Mother’s Day. They raised £110 for school funds.

Goodbye/Farewell

It is the end of a term and we are saying goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Hemmings who has been with us since 2014 returned in October after having her little girl but is leaving us today. Since returning Mrs Hemmings has only been part time and has taught many classes across both sites and most recently in Swan. We wish her all the best for her new job.

Miss Leanna has been on of our support assistants since February 2015 and will be leaving us today. Thank you for all the support and hard work , we wish you both the best of luck for the future. We also said goodbye this week to Miss Christie , who was a supply teacher. We are having to move some staff around due to the changes but we will make sure there is as little disruption as possible. One change will be Miss Tracey will be going back to the South site Nursery after the Easter break. Hopefully Miss Osborne will be returning after the Easter Break. She recently had a minor operation but has not been well enough to return to work.



Parliament Visit

We had a visit from the Parliament's Education and Engagement Officer for London . Ms. Dobson is working across the city to help children and young people develop their understanding of democracy and Parliament, and support schools in the delivery of aspects of the National Curriculum including SMSC, PSHE, Citizenship and other related subjects. This was a fantastic follow up for the School Council who had a trip to Parliament recently.



Dodgeball

Well done to the dodge ball team, who managed to get to the quarter finals. They learnt a valuable lesson about how the referee's call is final. Shame there was no VAR!

Attendance

Well done to all of the children who received an award today for their attendance. We still have a long way to go to improving the attendance across the whole school, but it was great to see so many children receiving Bronze and silver trophies today. I have been called in to meeting in the Easter holidays by the Local Authority to discuss the persistently absent children.



AGE RESTRICTION
 13+

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."

What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story', stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!". When uploading to 'Our Story', your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies'. Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.

Top Tips for Parents

THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the apps settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com.

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images through gallery in the chat on the app) as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

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