



# Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

### Online Safety

National Online Safety have created a **free online safety guide for schools to share with parents and carers about Grand Theft Auto (GTA)**; the 18+ rated game in which sex, violence, profane language and nudity form the main themes of the game. Popular for its criminal narrative, the GTA series encourages users to break the law in order to succeed and progress through the game.

With over 100 million users on the game's online social club alone, Grand Theft Auto is hugely popular amongst young people under the age of 18! We know that a number of our pupil's play online games for 18+ which is a concern. Below you can find links to National Online Safety's guides across the various social platforms.

**TWITTER:** <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1088005920678952960>

**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1953266721646175/?type=3&theater>

**DOWNLOAD:** <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/grand-theft-auto-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

On Tuesday 5th February, we will be holding a 'Safer Internet Day' in school and separate information will be sent home regarding this.

### Baby news!

Congratulations to Miss Chippendale, our Year 4 colleague, who gave birth to a baby girl, Elsa, on 7th January weighing 8lb 7oz and to Miss Pratt, a former colleague, who had a little boy, Oscar, on 15th January weighing 7lb 7oz. Both mums and babies are doing well and we cannot wait to meet them.



### Driving Safely

Please could we ask that everyone drives carefully around the school perimeter as we have had reports of a few near misses involving children, adults and our lollipop lady! There are 20mph speed limits surrounding school and we would be grateful if you could be patient, especially at busy times, when people are crossing the road. We would hate for anyone to be involved in an accident and injured. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



### Footwear

We have noticed that there quite a few children wearing boots or trainers in school. If your child wears boots/trainers to walk to school, please ensure that they have a pair of black shoes to change into when they arrive. Shoes should be a **full shoe of plain black design with low heels** (no more than two inches); **boots or trainers are unsuitable**.

### Cool Milk

Don't forget if you wish your child to receive milk after their fifth birthday, please register at coolmilk.com. Please note that it takes approximately two weeks from paying for your milk to us getting notification that your child is on the register so do ensure that you allow enough time for this process.

### Nursery Admissions

The deadline to place your child's name on the register for a Nursery place in September 2019 is 30th March. Please telephone the school office so that we can take all the necessary details down. If you know someone who has a young child and is not involved in school at the moment, please make them aware too.

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## Term Dates

Just a polite reminder that the dates for the remaining terms and holidays for the rest of this year are:

Spring Term 1	7th January - 15th February 2019
Half Term Holiday	18th February - 22nd February 2019
Spring Term 2	25th February - 5th April 2019
Easter Holidays	8th April - 22nd April 2019
Summer Term 1	23rd April - 24th May 2019
Half Term Holiday	27th - 31st May 2019
Summer Term 2	3rd June - 23rd July 2019 <b>(term finishes 19th July due to INSET days)</b>

The term dates for 2019-2020 are as follows:

Holiday	School Closes	School Opens
Summer Break		Monday 2nd September 2019
Autumn Mid-Term	Friday 25th October 2019	Monday 4th November 2019
Christmas Break	Friday 20th December 2019	Monday 6th January 2020
Spring Mid-Term	Friday 14th February 2020	Monday 24th February 2020
Easter Break	Friday 3rd April 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
May Bank Holiday	Friday 1st May 2020	Tuesday 5th May 2020
Summer Mid-Term	Friday 22nd May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
Summer Break	Monday 20th July 2020	

## Non-Uniform Day - Friday 15th February

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15th February so children can come along dressed in their normal clothes. A donation of a £1.00 should be made via Parent Pay please.

## Easter Fayre

Our Easter Fayre this year will be replaced by the raffling of Easter Hampers. Donations for the hampers will be very gratefully accepted and further details for specific year group donations will be forthcoming later this term. This is a new idea, suggested by a neighbouring academy which had significant success with it last year.

## Could a career in teaching be for you?

Westerton Partnership provides high quality Initial Teacher Training. You can apply for your opportunity to train to be a teacher NOW! Apply today on UCAS by searching for the following course codes:

- 328W – Primary 3-7 Programme
- 328X – Primary 5-11 Programme



## Parent Workshop

Just a reminder that Workshop 3 will be taking place on the 13th February. The topic will be The Impact of Video Games in the Classroom and there are two opportunities for parents to attend. The first one will be held 9.30 am - 10.30 am and the second will be held from 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm. To book a place, please contact the school office or email [office@westerton.org.uk](mailto:office@westerton.org.uk).

## Dates for your Diaries

Friday 1st February	9.15 am Year 1 Assembly 2.20 pm Reception Parents Maths Afternoon
Tuesday 5th February	Key Stage 2 French Play
Friday 8th February	9.15 am Year 3 Assembly
Friday 15th February	9.15 am Year 5 and 6 Assembly 2.20 pm Reception Parents Writing Afternoon
Wednesday 27th February	Individual Photograph Day
Thursday 28th February	Parent-Teacher Consultations
Friday 1st March	Lineham Farm Payment Deadline 9.15 am Year 2 Assembly

Yours faithfully

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