



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

14th January 2022

Newsletter 3

Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to be able to take the children to the theatre last week. They all had such a good time and for a little while life was normal! Everyone, theatre staff and members of the public, commented on the children's impeccable behaviour making the day extra special.

It was lovely that so many of you could join the year 6 parents event we understand that due to work patterns its not always possible for parents to join but the children love it when you can! We look forward to welcoming year 5 parents on Monday.

COVID continues to disrupt many of our lives, this week attendance has been the worst we have seen. Thank you to everyone for continuing to lateral flow your children and keeping everyone safe. Hopefully we will turn a corner soon.

All of the government statutory tests are going ahead this year in the Summer. Pupils in year one will have a phonics test, year 2 statutory English and Maths SATS, Year 4 a timestables test and year 6 statutory English and Maths SATS.

Best wishes,
Nicki

CALLING ALL YOUNG VOICES PARENTS!

Young Voices made the difficult decision to postpone their January concerts until the Spring/Summer due to the current rise in risk of Covid. This is really disappointing, but obviously the decision has been made with everyone's best interests at heart. All ticket, t-shirt and coach payments will be held ready for the new concert date which we will confirm next week. Apologies as I know that this change will cause disruption to many of you who hoped to attend the original concert date next week.

Census Day Free School Meals

As you are aware all of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. What you won't be aware of is that the school is not paid for all of these meals unless your child has a meal on census day! The school is paid for meals based on the average number of children having school meals on these days – this means that if 50 children have a meal on census days but 100 children have meals on the other days we only receive the money for 50 of the children taking the meals each day! This has cost our school approximately £10,000 this year (more than a teaching assistant costs us.) Think how much equipment we could have also bought with that money! The next census day is on **Thursday 20th January 2022**. On that day we will be booking every child a meal who is entitled to one and offer it to your child. If you are worried that your child will not eat the lunch please feel free to send a packed lunch as well. If they don't eat their lunch we will offer them the packed lunch – if they do they can take their lunch home for tea! On Census day the choice for dinner will be the option for Friday of **Fish Fingers and Chips or Pinwheels**. Friday will be the option for Thursday which will be International day (sweet &

Class Attendance

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| Cam | 90% |
| Frome | 84.3% |
| Somer | 97.7% |
| Dart | 90.9% |
| Avon | 88.4% |
| Tone | 95.6% |
| Mells | 87.8% |
| Severn | 87.1% |
| Yeo | 95.2% |
| Hartlake | 95.8% |
| Midford | 81.6% |
| Wellow | 75% |

KS1 Celebration Assembly

| | Star | Maths Magician | Wizard Effort | Wizard Improved | Wizard Writer |
|-------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| CAM | Darcie W | Enzo J | Thea T | Daisy P | Chloe F |
| FROME | Amelia-Grace H | Charlie-Beau D | | James J | Zarah H |
| SOMER | Lily-Rose W | Mariah B | Ruby O | Chloe B | Sophia K |
| DART | Lily T | Rosie-Leigh G | Amelia P | Romen S | Zander H |

Diary Dates

Monday 17th January

2:30pm Year 5 Family Event

Friday 21st January

KS2 Celebration Assembly

Monday 24th January

INSET DAY

Wednesday 26th January

2:30pm Year 2 Family Event

Thursday 27th January

Year R Family Lunch

Friday 28th January

KS1 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 1st February

Year 3 Family Lunch

Friday 4th February

KS2 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 8th February

2:30pm Year 3 Family Event

Reminders from The Office

Masks Everyone must wear a mask when they come into the reception area. If you have an official exemption lanyard this must be worn and visible

School Dinners All dinners must be ordered through ParentPay this includes KS1 & reception. Our three week rolling me4nu can be found on our website.

ParentPay If you are not able to log onto ParentPay please call the office.

GroupCall At times we send messages in this way so please ensure you read them. If you aren't receiving messages please contact the office.

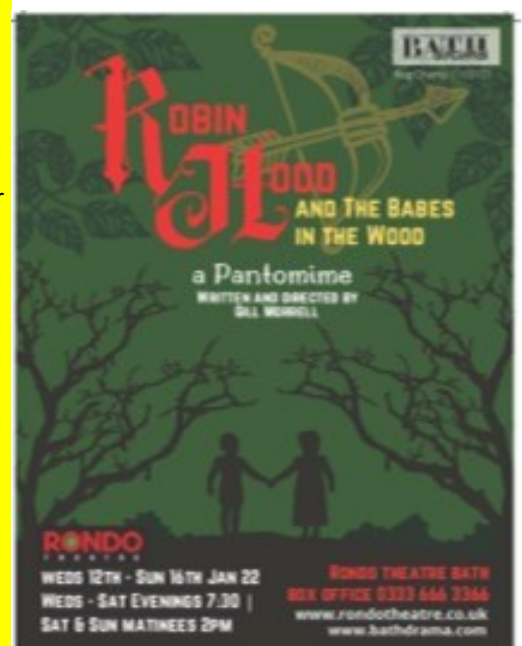
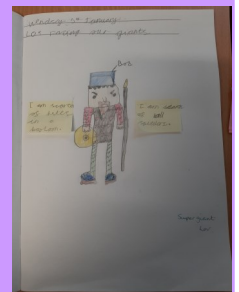
Contact details If you change your phone number, address or email please contact the office so we can update our records.

Communication Book You must use this to inform your child's teacher of any relevant information including **pick-up** arrangements.

Our Values

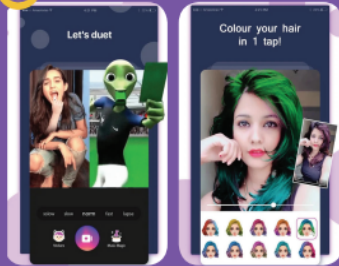


This week the children in year 3 discussed things that they are scared of and how to face these problems. We all talked of how to use the people around us and how to use values to help us overcome these fears. Some of the children chose to draw giants to help them with this. We then watched the story of David and Goliath which helped the children to understand our learning objective. Well done Tone class





LIKEE (formerly known as LIKE) is a free video creation and editing app similar to TikTok. It has a global community of over 200 million users who can create any type of video, add their own special effects and then upload and share them with the world. The app is largely used to create short music videos which users can star in and edit anyway they want using the "Magic Video Maker." Users share their videos on the platform as well as having the option to share across other social media outlets such as Facebook and Instagram. Due to the suggestive content that is available on the app, it has a recommended age of 16+, although the app store rate it as 17+.



What parents need to know about

LIKEE



ALL VIDEOS ARE PUBLIC

All user profiles on LIKEE are public which means that every video that is uploaded can be viewed by anyone. This is a privacy setting which can't be changed. In addition, on creating an account, anybody who views your child's video can also download, save and share them, albeit this is a feature which can be turned off. Nonetheless, this places your child's privacy at risk given they can't control who is viewing their videos and potentially sharing them elsewhere.

SEXUAL PREDATORS AND BULLYING

Once a video has been uploaded and shared on LIKEE, anybody can comment on it. There have been reports of sexually suggestive comments made towards children, opening the door to potential child grooming and/or child sexual exploitation risks. Similarly, children may be vulnerable to derogatory or abusive language which could escalate into harassment or bullying.



ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

In a Facebook post from April 2019, LIKEE admitted to banning over 400 accounts during a 6 day period due to matters relating to harassment, fraud, pornographic material, violence, gambling and terrorism. There are no safe search features on the app which means there is a chance your child could potentially watch mature or inappropriate content with relative ease.



EASY FOR MINORS TO SET-UP

Despite the recommended age limit of 16, there are no verification measures in place to help restrict access. Setting up a profile is extremely easy and all that is required is access to a mobile phone. This is a concern for young children who have limited knowledge of how to stay safe online.



PRIVATE MESSAGING

As well as being able to comment publicly, LIKEE also allows users to private message one another. This again opens the door for strangers to contact your child online and build a relationship, this time without being seen. There have been reported cases of sexual grooming and children receiving requests to send inappropriate images via direct message.



DESIGNS TO INCREASE APP USAGE

The more your child engages with the app, the more 'Exp.' they can earn. This in turn can help them achieve higher levels and unlock Privileges to enhance their videos. Similarly, the Leaderboard feature within the app rewards users that receive the most likes every day, again encouraging children to produce more content. Both of these features could contribute towards increased screen time for your child.



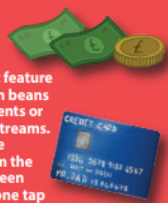
ABILITY TO STREAM VIDEOS LIVE

Once a user has achieved a certain level, LIKEE grants them access to stream their videos live with viewers able to engage and post comments as the video is running. This means your child could receive harmful or upsetting comments during a live recording with no filter, as well as viewing other users live streams, which may contain inappropriate or disturbing content.



IN-APP PURCHASES

LIKEE also has a Wallet feature in which users can earn beans during special LIVE events or during their own live streams. They can also purchase diamonds directly from the app for anything between 99p and £99.99, with one tap and one confirmation screen, potentially costing the bill payer a lot of money.



Top Tips For Parents

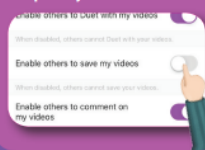
1 DISABLE OR RESTRICT PRIVATE MESSAGING

The ability to private message one another on LIKEE means that your child could receive messages or media from complete strangers and potentially engage in conversations with people they don't know. In the privacy settings, this feature can be disabled or set to just friends allowing a degree of control over who can privately contact your child.



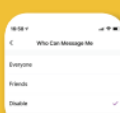
2 DISABLE ABILITY FOR OTHERS TO SAVE YOUR VIDEOS

Saving and sharing your child's videos to their own device means that anyone could upload and share those videos whenever and wherever they like, without your permission. You can disable this feature in your child's profile settings via the privacy tab.



3 TURN OFF COMMENTS IN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The public nature of LIKEE means that anybody can comment on your child's videos. Whilst many users may be positive and supportive of what your child is doing online, others may be critical or quite nasty. If you are worried about other users and what they may say, you can completely disable comments within the app's privacy settings.



4 BLOCK USERS WHO HARASS, BULLY AND OFFEND

If you are concerned about your child being harassed, bullied or receiving persistent offensive comments from specific users, you can 'block' these individuals. This can be done on the offenders users profile page. Once blocked, the ability to comment on your child's video or private message will be removed although videos will still remain visible.



5 TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Talking to your child about staying safe online will help them stay alert to any potential dangers and give them a more enjoyable experience. Learning how to report inappropriate content and discussing this with your child may ensure they recognise anything malicious and become more vigilant whilst using the app. Similarly, discussing what is acceptable and setting limits on what can and can't be posted online may help to ensure your child avoids any unwanted pitfalls.

6 STICK TO THE RECOMMENDED AGE LIMIT

LIKEE suggest that the recommended age limit for the app is 16+. Reviews of the app suggest that users may post mature or sexually provocative material which isn't tightly regulated and could be accessed or accidentally viewed by your child. Ensuring you adhere to the age limit and encouraging your child to be open about what they're viewing will help you keep an eye on what content your child is coming across on the app.



Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2021-2022 Academic Year

Including INSET DAYS

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| TERM 1 | |
| Start: | Monday 6 th September 2021 |
| Finish: | Friday 22 nd October 2021 |
| TERM 2 | |
| Start: | Tuesday 2 nd November 2021 |
| Finish: | Friday 17 th December 2021 |
| TERM 3 | |
| Start:: | Wednesday 5 th January 2022 |
| Finish: | Friday 18 th February 2022 |
| TERM 4 | |
| Start: | Monday 28 th February 2022 |
| Finish: | Friday 8 th April 2022 |
| TERM 5 | |
| Start: | Monday 25 th April 2022 |
| Finish: | Friday 27 th May 2022 |
| TERM 6 | |
| Start: | Monday 6 th June 2022 |
| Finish: | Thursday 21st July 2022 |
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| INSET DAYS | Thursday 2 nd September 2021 |
| | Friday 3 rd September 2021 |
| | Monday 1 st November 2021 |
| | Tuesday 4th January 2022 |
| | Monday 24th January 2022 |
| | Friday 22nd July 2022 |
| | Extra date due to the Queen's Jubilee |