

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book day! The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day, bringing their book along with them. There will be lots of different activities throughout the day in classes. We look forward to seeing the children in all of their brilliant costumes.

#WorldBookDay



TD Days 2020/21

We understand that parents appreciate as much warning as possible about future TD days and the following have been decided for academic year 20/21.

1st September

2nd September

21st October

30th April

5th July



Attendance and late arrivals

Just a reminder that classroom doors open at 8.30am and registration takes place at 8.40am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as 'Late'. If children arrive after 9am, they will be marked as 'Unauthorised'. As advised by Education Welfare, children who arrive after 9am on 10 or more occasions may be referred to this service. It is also school practice for parents to be informed if attendance has fallen below 90% and we are unaware of a valid reason or if there are irregular patterns occurring. We prefer to be able to help and support at school level before making referrals to Education Welfare so please do let us know if you need support with this.

SATS Meeting Year 2 Parents

The meeting regarding Year 2 SATS will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 3:10-3:40 in Birch classroom.

Thank You for supporting the 2019 Christmas Box Appeal

Red Oaks was delighted to support the FSCI Christmas Box Appeal last term. Thank you to all those families who made the commitment of time and money to contribute a box. Thousands of children and families in institutions, kindergartens and schools in poor rural and urban areas, senior citizens homes, Roma communities, protected homes and refugee centres throughout Bulgaria received Christmas presents as a result of the generosity of those taking part in the appeal last year, with a total 9,985 boxes distributed.



Teodora Koleva, Director of FSCI Bulgaria, is in no doubt about the importance of the project. *"With the Christmas boxes, we show people who live on the periphery of society, often forgotten and overlooked, that we think of them and believe in them. At Christmas it is important to be good - with our loved ones and acquaintances, and even with people we do not know, with people who need support"*.

Thank you again for helping Red Oaks to be part of this - your donations brought joy to those who didn't have much to celebrate at all last Christmas time.

You can see Christmas boxes being distributed [here](#) or go to YouTube and search "FSCI (UK) Christmas 2019".

Online Safety

Please find a helpful guide on how to set parental controls on electronic devices. To find the guide you are looking for please select your device from the drop down menu on the website.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Science Week commencing 9th March.

During this exciting week we will be focusing of 'Our Diverse Planet'. Each afternoon the school will be focusing on one area of our beautiful planet, this might be: Our frozen world or Our Seas for example. The children will be completing different practical challenges during this week to build upon their understanding of science all around us and to developing their scientific knowledge.

Parents are very welcome to come and join your child's class to see what they have been doing on different days at 2:45pm.

These are:

Monday: Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

Tuesday: Foundation, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Wednesday: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

Thursday: ALL



Sport Relief- Friday 13th March 2020

Red Oaks will be supporting Sport Relief this year with a whole week of 'Wake up, Shake up' mornings; a whole school Zumba style workout and of course wearing Sport Kit on Friday 13th March. Please show your support with a donation on Parent Pay. We can't wait to get everyone involved - It's GAME ON!

Upcoming Dates 2020

12/2 Y6 SATS meeting in hall at 3.15pm

13/2 Disco FORO

14/2 School breaks up at 3.00pm

24/2 School re-opens at 8.30am

4/3 Y2 SATS meeting at 3.10pm - Birch Tree classroom

5/3 World Book Day - come to school as your favourite book character

13/3 Sports Relief - wear your sports kit to school!

20/3 Parent Book Look at 8.30am

26/3 Y3 Performance 2.00pm & 6.00pm - information to follow

28/3 Family Learning event

1/4 Parents Evening

2/4 Parents Evening

3/4 School breaks up for Easter Hols at 1.30pm - No Acorns

20/4 School reopens at 8.30am

22/4 Class Photographs

27/4 PJ & Popcorn FORO





TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



What parents need to know about

TIKTOK



MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.



INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing other user's videos on the app.



TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.



ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.



IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



Safety Tips for Parents



TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.



ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.



EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.



LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.



MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.



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.



SOURCES:

Red Oaks Primary School

Nursery



Aspire, Achieve, Grow

- 🔔 Part of the Red Oaks wider school community
- 🔔 Qualified Teachers
- 🔔 Ofsted 'Good' rating (November 2017)
- 🔔 Forest Schools and Welly Walks
- 🔔 Excellent outdoor provision
- 🔔 Highly experienced SENDCO (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator)
- 🔔 Excellent transition to Red Oaks Reception year (although Nursery space does not guarantee a place)
- 🔔 Bags of fun!!

"Red Oaks is a highly inclusive school where pupils with a wide range of needs are fully integrated into school life. This is appreciated by pupils and parents alike and, during our visit, it was clear that inclusion is seen as the norm."

Ofsted November 2017

The vast majority of parents who completed the online survey would recommend the school to other parents. One parent, summing up the view of many, wrote 'Red Oaks is a school where every child is treated equally. They go the extra mile to include parents with children's learning and push the child to achieve their very best'". Ofsted November 2017

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Year 4 & 5 Families are invited to our

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Monday 16 March 2020

9.15am - 10.30am

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