

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 4th October 2024



Hello everyone,

On Thursday Year 3 and 4 attended SSP Quicksticks Hockey Festival @ Lynnsport with Mr Overton. All children had a wonderful day, great fun was had by all!



Next week -

Friday 11th October - Hello Yellow

Wear something **YELLOW** in support of World Mental Health Day.

No donations required.



School lunches

Please ensure school lunches are booked (if applicable) via your parentPay account by no later than midnight on a Sunday. The school menu can be located on our **website** or you can collect a paper copy from the office.

As always, we would like to ensure that your **experience** at Walpole Cross Keys Primary is a **positive** one. If you have any concerns, in the first instance please telephone, email the school office or speak with the class teacher.

Best Wishes

Ms J. Borley (Executive Head Teacher)

Please also check page 2 for future diary dates.

Attendance

Class 1:	76%
Class 2:	89%
Class 3:	90%

Whole school: 85.5%

Attendance winners: Class 3

Congratulations to class 3!



Weekending—04.10.2024

STARS: Edith (YR), Ivy (Y3), Alfie (Y6)

KINDNESS: Amelia P (Y1), Layla (Y3), Clay (Y6)

HANDWRITING: Emilie (Y1), Mabel (Y2), Ella (Y6)

THANK YOU:

Gabby (Y1), Lucas (Y2), Nelly (Y4)



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Diary Dates

Please be aware that dates are for guidance only and are subject to change

Diary dates are also located on the school website. Please note that the West Norfolk Academies Trust school calendar for 2024/25 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates are slightly different to NCC.

Friday 11th October	Hello Yellow—Wear something YELLOW in support of World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 16th October	Meet the SEND team This will be held @ Clenchwarton Primary School 14:30 All welcome
Friday 18th October	Ken Hill Trip for Class 2. More details to follow.
Monday 21st October (New date)	Active Kids Festival @ Lynnsport—(Selected).
Wednesday 23rd October	Cross Country @ St Clements (Selected). Consent will be required via ParentPay. Thank you.
Thursday 24th October	SCHOOL CLOSURES @15:15 FOR HALF TERM
Monday 4th November	SCHOOL OPENS-PROMPT REGISTRATION @ 8.45AM
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Performance Concert @ Springwood High School—Class 3
Friday 15th November	Cross Country Finals—TBC
Monday 18th November	Blue Cross Charity visiting Class 1
Thursday 21st November	KLTFC—National League Cup Football @ Lynnsport (Selected). Consent will be required via ParentPay. Thank you.
Monday 25th November	NHS Immunisation Programme—Flu SSP Tag Rugby @ West Norfolk Rugby Club (Selected). Consent will be required via ParentPay.
Monday 9th December	NHS Immunisation Programme—Flu-Follow up session (subject to change)
Thursday 12 December	Mini Medics—Class 3
Friday 20th December	SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 15:15 FOR HALF TERM
Tuesday 7th January 2025	SCHOOLS OPENS—PROMPT REGISITRATIONS @ 8.45AM

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't, meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers, emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in bullying – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the difference between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of OGBacon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



WakeUp
Wednesday

The
National
College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

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Community News



PELICANS HOCKEY CLUB

TRAINING TIMES



Mens Section

Tuesdays
Boys Development
6:00-7:30pm

All Men's Teams
7:30-9:00pm

Thursdays
Mens 1stXI
6:45-9:00pm

Saturday Fixtures!

Junior Section

The Junior Section includes Under 8's, U10 Boys, U10 Girls, U12 Boys & U12 Girls

Trainings are **Saturdays**, term time
8:45-10:30am

Ladies Section

Wednesdays
Girls Development
6:00-7:00pm

Ladies 1stXI
7:00-8:30pm

Thursdays
Ladies 2ndXI & 3rdXI
6:00-7:30pm

Saturday Fixtures!

Beginner Sessions

On **Monday Evenings** we hold a **Back to Hockey** session from 7:00-8:30pm

These are beginner and refresher sessions for anyone who wants to give hockey a go at any ability!

Training times are from September!



PELICANS HOCKEY CLUB






OUR TEAMS

We are proud to boast 4 Men's teams including the Men's 1stXI playing Premier League hockey, 3 quality Women's teams, 2 development and a strong Junior section ranging from Under 8's to Under 12's.

WHY PELICANS?

Pelicans Hockey Club is an **inclusive** family club for everyone. We are committed to providing a **friendly** environment in which each and every player no matter their ability, can **thrive** and **improve**.



Registration:
August 10-17
09:00am - 11:00am



**At Alive
Lynnsport**

For more information:
<https://www.pelicanshockeyclub.co.uk>
Or scan the QR code!

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Alive Lynnsport

6 week course £34.99
Every Wednesday from 11 September

5pm-6pm - 5-7yrs

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Includes an LTA Youth Start Tennis Racket, Set of Balls, Branded T-shirt, Activity Cards & Certificate!



6 week starter course delivered by fully qualified coaches to introduce Tennis to children in a fun & relaxed environment. Mum's & Dad's can join in too! If you sign up to our Tennis programme following the 6-week course, you can enjoy 1 month FREE! Scan to book or call 01553 818001.

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CLENCHWARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



SEND DROP IN

COFFEE AND CAKE
PROVIDED!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

COME ALONG AND MEET
THE TEAM!

16TH OCTOBER 2024 - 2.30PM

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SEND NEEDS? COME ALONG AND MEET OUR TRUST SEND TEAM! REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY TEAM AND THE EARLY HELP COMMUNITY WORKERS TEAM WILL ALSO BE THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Yr6 Open Day



Due to high demand
more school tours are
available between
**Monday 7th and
Friday 11th
October.**

To book your tour call the school office on:
01553 828648



'This is a good school' Ofsted 2023

Term Dates 2024-2025 – Primary Schools

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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
 Orange dates – pupil holidays
 Purple dates – staff training days
 Red dates – bank holidays

Staff training days are – Monday 2 September, Tuesday 3 September, Monday 6 January and Tuesday 22 April as whole training days.
 Friday 25 October 2024 is disaggregated.