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Dear Parents/ Carers,

This letter is about

- ★ Headlice 'Nits'
- ★ **Online Safety - IMPORTANT**
- ★ Outstanding Debts
- ★ School Money App
- ★ School dinner price increase
- ★ School book bags

Nits

Please be aware that we have been informed of a case of headlice (nits) in Key Stage 1. Please make sure you check your child's hair carefully this weekend and treat as appropriate.

Online Safety

It has come to our attention that many of the children in school are using apps and playing on games outside of their age range. Whilst we understand the social pressure for children to be on these games/ apps and they may enjoy being on them, there are reasons that they have suggested age minimum limits. Please also consider how much time your child is spending on the app/ game for because this can have a profound negative effect on them.

We are noticing that the children are becoming less focused in class, more argumentative with their friends and sometimes behaving in an unkind way. They are also focusing on these games rather than on their lessons and 'planning' what they are going to do later. They may also be seeing age-inappropriate material. It appears to be having a negative effect on their mental health and wellbeing. I am therefore including the recommended age limits for different apps/ games below. Most are 12+. This means that it is not appropriate and potentially harmful for your primary school age child to be using some of them.

Whilst this is an 'outside of school' issue, we feel it is important that we draw your attention to the negative impact it is having in school. We would urge you to consider removing any age inappropriate apps and games from your child's phone/ devices and explain to them why you are doing this. They have lots of time in school to talk and play with their friends so do not need to worry about 'missing out'.

Roblox: 7+ years old

Tik Tok: 13 years old

Instagram: 13 years old

Fortnite: 12 years old



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Face book: 13 years old

Whats App: 13 years old

Outstanding payments

Please can all parents log in to the school money app and clear any outstanding debts as soon as possible. From April, there will be a cap on outstanding debts and you may not be able to book dinners or BASC places if there are debts outstanding. Please contact Mrs Montgomery if you wish to discuss.

As always we are here if you need to speak to us, just give us a call.

School Money App

In an effort to streamline bookings and payments via the school money app just to advise that we are receiving many calls on a daily basis to add children to the After School or Breakfast Club. Whilst we can accommodate this at short notice, we would prefer it if you book your child/children in at the beginning of the week or term if you know your schedules, then if they do not attend the session we can remove them from the register. This will then amend any payments or credit you may be due. If you need any assistance with the app please let Mrs Montgomery know.

Dinner Money price increase

We have been advised that from 12th April the cost for a school dinner will rise to £2.35 per day or £11.75 per week. This has been passed onto us via LCC catering division.

School Book Bags

Now that we are hopefully starting to return to some form of normality. We are asking parents to send their child into school with the fabric book bag that was provided back in 2019. We are finding that the plastic book bags are not suitable or strong enough for the learning logs along with any shoes, water bottles etc. We may have a few left in school for those that cannot locate their bag at home. If you think you may need one please advise the class teacher via Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Shoulders

Jennifer Shoulders, Headteacher



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