

St. Mary's Primary, Wingate

March 2016 Newsletter

All children and young people have a right to a primary education...Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

New School Secretary

Our school council members & governors interviewed for the post of school secretary earlier this term. We have appointed Mrs. Michelle Roe who will start after the Easter holidays.

I'd like to thank our Key Stage 2 School Council members for all of their hard work on the day. They took the role very seriously and made excellent contributions to the interviews.

Lent

We are in the season of Lent when we prepare for Easter through fasting, praying and giving to the poor.

We will have a variety of opportunities for the children to take part in such activities over this half term. Please encourage your child to take part.

We are collecting for St. Cuthbert's Care (a local charity) who support children & old people in need, as well as running the Alan Shearer Centre for disabled children, and the '5p bus' that supports those in financial need. The children can bring in coppers & 5ps to raise money for this worthwhile charity, and will share the proceeds with CAFOD.

Children's education... should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other cultures. It should also help them learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people. (Article 29, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

World Book Day

Thank you to all who took part. It was a fun day.

Our school took part in a 'mass read' at 1.30pm with many other schools in our Peterlee Partnership Teaching School Alliance. Over 4000 children all were reading at the same time.

Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, due to rising costs, the breakfast club charge will have to rise to £1.50 per day after Easter. We have tried to delay this as long as possible.

Reminders

- Nail varnish - this is not permitted in school. Please make sure this is taken off before children come to school.
- Book bags - if your child does not have a school book bag, please ensure they bring into school a **SMALL BAG** in which to store their books & letters. We do not have the space in school for large bags.
- **School adult supervision for children is only from 8.45 a.m. Breakfast Club is only for children paying for this.**

Voluntary Contributions

As you may be aware, school budgets are becoming tighter as well as everywhere else in the economy. One or two people in our federation are generously giving the school the 25p change from the dinner money they pay (£9.75) that is the remainder of a £10. I would like to thank them for this, and, if anyone else would care to contribute in this way, it would be most welcome.

An Appeal from the Family Centre

The family centre in Wingate are placing a bid to Sport England for their Active Family Funding. They would like to know what kinds of activities you, as families, would like to see take place. Please contact them with any ideas you may have.

A Message from the Local Authority:

Youtube Risks - Uploading Video



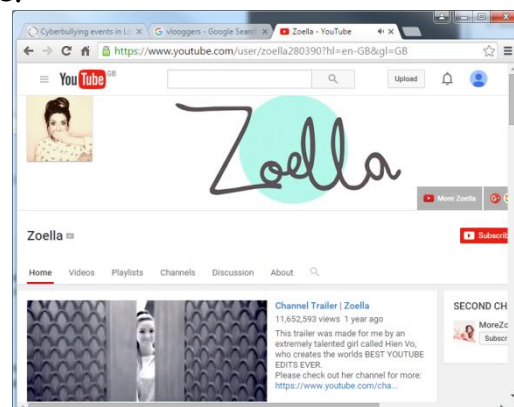
Many children spend a lot of time watching vloggers (Video Log) such as Zoella. (Zoella can have over 3 million hits on her uploads!)

Some children chose to emulate these Vloggers, and in doing so without careful thought can leave themselves open to bullying or online grooming by revealing personal details and

making videos and comments available to anyone.

This is not illegal but the minimum age to a Youtube account is 13. Having an account younger child breaks the terms and conditions of the site. It is not possible to videos without creating an account.

The following links provide additional information for parents and teachers :-



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https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB&ref_topic=2803240 and
<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/youtube>

