

26th January Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

Scarlet Fever

I wrote to parents and carers to alert you to Scarlet Fever. We have had confirmed cases in Reception and Year 4.

Information about the symptoms of Scarlet Fever are available via this link:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/

If your child is showing any symptoms of Scarlet Fever, please seek advice from your GP.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We have had no reported cases of Measles but there is also lots in the press currently regarding the increase nationally in cases of Measles. If your child has not been immunised against Measles but you wish to consider this, again, speak to your GP for advice.

Sale Sharks & Chester University

We are always on the lookout for partnership which offer new opportunities for pupils to let their lights shine.

This week, Year 4 enjoyed a session with staff from Sale Sharks.

Children certainly made a good impression. The representative from Sale Sharks left the following comment in our Visitor Book: "Always enjoy my time here, the children have the best manners."

Next week, sees the start of the club run by students from Chester University. We are looking forward to this after the engaging and lively sessions that the students led recently. There are lots of children signed up and we are excited to see what exciting things will be achieved



It is Safer Internet Week at the beginning of February. Thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Over the next fortnight, we will be providing families with guidance to help ensure your all safe when using the internet or playing online games.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'Three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.

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Let's celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Astrid H

JP

Freya G

Leia-Rey J

Lena Z

Oscar-David L

Musa A

Suryansh

Marita H

Christopher G

Isabel M

Olivia P

Oliver L

Daniel H

Evelyn T

Birthdays

*Lockie, Evelyn,
Olivia T,
George J, Nettie,
Aryab and
Anna M!*

*Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!*

*We hope you enjoy
your birthday book!*

Letting Their Light Shine

Mateo and Arthur were awarded magnificent trophies for their football skills.

Lyra was presented with a Gym Star of the Week certificate!

Olivia wrote a wonderful book all about the adventure of a bunny!

Daisy, Ethan, Jac were all mascots for Chester first team last Saturday. They got to be ball boys and girls placing the ball on the half way line after every try!

Oliver is a proud medal holder for being a great dancer and listener of the week in dance club.

Iknoor and Alex won two trophies for their amazing football skills!

Oscar achieved his 5 meter badge in swimming!

Hettie was Star of the Week at Street Dance Club!

Heidi achieved her Gym Stars 10 certificate and badge!





Non-uniform Day Friday 15th March

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Please make a donation via the School Gateway if you can.

We are supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15th March, raising funds for families less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their own clothes and we are asking families to donate if they can.

Key Dates

30th January	Team 5S Viking Days
31st January	Team 5M Viking Days
31st January	House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am
5-9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
12-15th February	Parents' Evenings (dates/times tbc)
16th February	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
19-25th February	Half-term Holidays
26th February	School re-opens
11-15th March	Science Week
15th March	Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief

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Comic Con

Ellesmere Port



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Event!***

Saturday 27th January

10am - 4pm

Ellesmere Port Indoor Market

***Characters - Costumers - "Meet & Greet" - Selfie Zone
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Merchandise Stalls & more***