



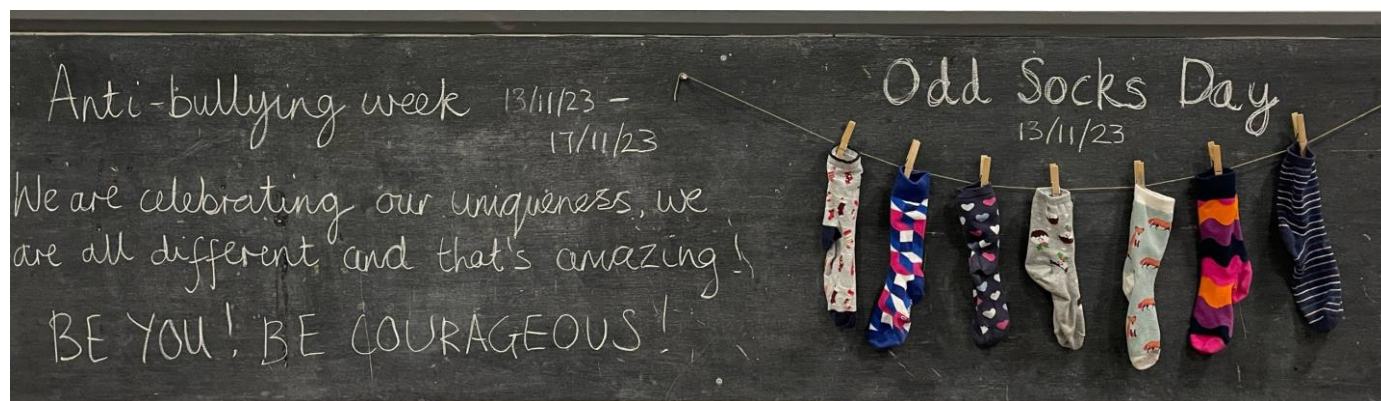
# Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

*Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way*

NEWSLETTER 10 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are again at the end of a week packed full of learning. The classrooms have been very busy indeed. Monday marked the start of Anti-bullying week, we marked this by being curious about why we were wearing odd socks.... We celebrated our uniqueness and how we are all different. I encouraged the children to be bold and be themselves. This is supported by our message that we come to school to feel safe and happy, we discussed what to do if someone is repeatedly unkind to us and also how not to be unkind in our school community, both in school and at home.



I visited all of the reading lessons this week and it was super to see our youngest children using their new sounds so well to read words, our Year 1s and 2s are reading with increasing fluency and determined to master longer, more challenging words. KS2 have been focusing on the way they read out loud – the intonation and reader style is very impressive. No matter what age your child is, it is important for them to read aloud, this develops fluency but also is a natural way for children to spot any errors they may make. An ‘oops moment’ is something we celebrate – it encourages us to find out the correct way of reading something.

Our curiosity will be really encouraged next week as Earhart head off to the Eden Project as part of their ‘how can we protect the rainforest’ topic and Attenborough Class attend Victorian school right here at Warbstow! Today they learnt what it may be like (minus the wrapping of the nuckles of course!) Please see letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> November for the detail of Attenborough’s day next Friday.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Bancroft

## England Rocks

This week Earhart Class participated in England Rocks, we are competing against children all over the country to achieve the best average number of correct answers per player! Our results were strong... we’re keeping everything crossed that we are up there with being the best in the country.

### This half term's value...

### CURIOSITY



We have discussed being curious about each other. Showing an interest and finding out new things about each other is a great way of being a good friend.

### Lost Property



There are several unnamed jumpers from Attenborough Class. If your child is missing a jumper in age 5/6 or 7/8 they are available to collect at the office. Please ensure all items of school uniform are named, it's the quickest way for us to return any lost property to its rightful owner.

### Things you need to know for next week

Monday – Parent phonics session, 2.30pm at the main school.

Tuesday – Y3/4 swimming. Bring swim wear and towel.

Tuesday – PAFC after school club.

Wednesday – Earhart Class trip to the Eden Project. A packed lunch & drink in a backpack and coat will be required.

Thursday – Craft club.

Friday – Attenborough Victorian Day, come dressed in Victorian clothing.

### Lunches

There has been a slight change to the menu this week. Mac n cheese is now on Tuesday and roasted vegetable and tomato pasta bake on Wednesday. If you had ordered in advance for either of these meals, please check and amend as necessary.

### PTA Willow Wreath Workshop

There is still time to book a place for the Willow Wreath Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> December either by emailing [hello@warbstow.org.uk](mailto:hello@warbstow.org.uk) or 01566 781388. Spread the word to family and friends.

£25 per person to include all materials and refreshments.



### Dates

20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2.30pm – Parents Phonics session

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Earhart trip to Eden Project

24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Attenborough, Victorian day.

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – PTA Willow Wreath Workshop

5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6pm – Paddington and Attenborough Christmas Play

12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2pm – Christingle Service

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3.30-5pm – Christmas Disco

20<sup>th</sup> Dec-3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Christmas Break

9<sup>th</sup> Feb – INSET Day

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

29<sup>th</sup> Mar-12<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Break

15<sup>th</sup> Apr – INSET Day

# Online Safety Newsletter

November 2023

## Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation. Play the quiz here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>



## Ollee - your virtual friend

Parent Zone have created 'Ollee,' a virtual friend that asks your child how they are feeling and provides ideas and advice to help. Ollee is aimed at 8-11 year olds. You are also able to use the app to find advice around any issues that you think your child might be having.

You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>

## Roblox



Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.**

### What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

### What should I be aware of?

**Chat Facility** - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

**Game content** – as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

### How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

### How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

*To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.*

### Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://swgfi.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>

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# TikTok

**You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.**

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



## Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

As always, it is important that when setting up an account on TikTok, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age. For example, Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15 and they do not receive push notifications from 9pm. In addition, advertisements are tailored to the user's age.

## Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

## Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

## Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

## Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

## WhatsApp's editing feature

**You must be at least 16 years old to use WhatsApp.**

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/>

## EA Sports FC 24

EA Sports FC 24 has been rated as PEGI 3, which means it is suitable for those over the age of 3. However, you need to be aware that the game does include in-app purchases and users can interact with each other.

EA Sports FC 24 was released in September and is a rebranding for the EA FIFA series. It is available to play across a series of platforms.

As players can communicate with others, your child may be exposed to inappropriate language and there is also the risk of grooming when online interaction takes place. Ensure your child knows how to use the applicable reporting tools. The chat facility can be switched off.

