

# SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Newsletter - Issue 8

## PE Kit

Please can you make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. These do not need to come home each week – once every half term is sufficient. Children must also have a pair of trainers in school for PE and outside activities. Please ensure everything is named.

## Reading Books and Library Books

Please can you check at home and in your child's school bags to see if they have any of the schools class reading books or library books that they are no longer reading. If you find any books, please return them to school.

## Lost Property

We have a number of unnamed items in the lost property buckets located at the school reception. If you think your child may have misplaced any clothing, water bottles or lunch boxes please come and take a look.

## Grapes

If your younger child is bringing grapes into school either in their lunch box or as a snack, please always cut them lengthways so they can pass more easily through smaller throats. If cut width wise grapes are still big enough for a small child to choke on.

## School Website

Our School Website is available online and via the School News mobile app. Please visit our website and keep up to date with all the latest news and events at Sopley Primary School.

## School Day

In the mornings gates and classroom doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am.

After 9am and before 3.15pm children need to be signed in and out at reception.

When school finishes the gates will be open from 3.10pm to allow parents time to walk to classroom exits for 3.15pm. Gates will then be closed again at 3.30pm so please vacate the school as quickly as you can.

## Unauthorised Absence During Term Time & Penalty Notices

School attendance is subject to various education laws and it is very important that you make sure your child attends regularly. For each child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential.

**If a child fails to attend school regularly we have the authority to issue penalty notices.**

A penalty notice can be issued when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence in any 10 school week period.

Penalty notices are £60 if paid within 21 days or £120.00 if after this date.

**We will be issuing warning letters to parents of those children who have a high number of unauthorised absences and are approaching the penalty notice threshold.**

## **Free School Meals**

As a school we get additional funding for every child registered for free school meals.

This funding is **HUGELY** important to us a small school.

Free School Meals (FSM) is **NOT** Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 your child will receive a free hot lunch as part of a government funding scheme. The school **DOES NOT** receive any benefit or income via this funding so it is very important that even if your child is in the lower school and having UIFSM that you still register for FSM.

The additional funding we receive under the FSM scheme amounts to a least £1,300.00 per child per year. While we are unable to spend this money directly on the child themselves we are able to fund additional resources etc for the whole school using this money which benefit every child.

To check your eligibility please register online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> or contact the school office who can run a check on your behalf.

## **Celebration**

**The following children have received Gold Awards over the past two weeks.**

**Rabbits Gold Awards** – Nathaniel, Cherry, Theo, Ethan, Ralph T, Bianka, Elise

**Owls Gold Awards** – Oscar, Lily F, Harvey, Sophia, Joe H, Connie, Jamie

**Hedgehogs Gold Awards** – Joe, William, Eden, Ryan, Charlie F, Olivia, Tallulah, Mya, Summer, Amelie, Oliver

**Badgers Gold Awards** – Whole Class Gold Award, Sebi, Samuel, Dani, Emily, Lily H, Ronnie, Ethan

## **DATES for the Diary**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Break up from school

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – RETURN TO SCHOOL

**Helen Morris and Nanette Allies**

# FIFTEEN APPS

## PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

### GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

### SKOUT



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

### WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

### TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

### BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

### BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

### SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

### KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

### LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

### HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

### WHISPER



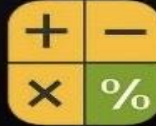
WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

### ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

### CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

### HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE. CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.