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Dear Families,

We were so proud last week to attend the Fonetti #ReadAloudChallenge Awards Ceremony at Amazon Head office, London. A massive thank you to Kim, Vicki and the team at Fonetti for the wonderful and memorable ceremony. It was a truly amazing, inspirational and experiential learning day for the children, which I know they will never forget and be able to look back on in years to come very fondly. Claire Balding CBE - Fonetti's brand ambassador - was so enthusiastic and passionate in her interactions with the children when sharing her love of reading and writing, it was a joy to witness.

In our collective worship last Friday, the whole school listened in awe to Bowie recount the days events and this has provided all of our children with a renewed inspiration to read. They now eagerly await the opportunity to participate again in the Fonetti Read Aloud Challenge this summer. Becoming a fluent reader is life-changing. It opens up new worlds for them by developing their love of reading. Children who read in their spare time are more likely to do well in school, have strong friendships, have better mental health, achieve better paying jobs and lead happier lives!





Little Lambourn Lights



**Our new Stay & Play group in Lambourn
Starting Wednesday 17th January 2024**

An open session for parents / carers and their children, aged 0-4 years.
Safe, fun, sensory area for babies,
Adventurous, creative, messy areas for toddlers.
Snacks and refreshments provided.
No need to book.

When is it? Every Wednesday 2 - 3.15pm
How much is it? £1 per family

Lambourn C of E Primary School
Edward's Hill
Lambourn
Berks
RG17 7LJ
**Entrances can be found at the lower gate,
NOT the main entrance**

For more information Call: 01488 682626, Whatsapp: 07771 701911, Email: charrie@sheepandwool.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary 2024

INSET Day

Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 3

Thursday 4th January 2024
Friday 9th February 2024

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2024 –
Wednesday 27th March 2024

'Little Lambourn Lights'

Every Wednesday Afternoon
2.00pm – 3.15pm

Children's Mental Health Week

05.02.24 to 11.02.24
shining a spotlight on the importance
of children and young people's mental
health, and building on research
findings that link literacy engagement
with wellbeing

National Storytelling Week

27.02.24 to 04.02.24
A week-long celebration of stories –
spoken or written – encouraging
creativity and self-expression enabling
children to tell their own stories.

Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 12th March &
Thursday 14th March

World Autism Acceptance Week

02.04.24 – 08.04.24

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From the School Office: reminders, updates and future calendar dates

29th January 2024: KS2 Choir members attending **Young Voices concert in O2 Arena**. We hope all the children attending (and parents going to watch) have a fantastic experience!

31st January 2024: Y2 educational visit to Pizza Express. Please note, children will need to arrive promptly at the usual 8:30am drop off in their school uniform and they will be back in school for lunchtime.

7th March 2024: World Book Day: we will encourage the children to dress up as their favourite book character but this is by no means mandatory. We will also ask them to bring in their favourite book and share with the class.

Parents Evenings

The upcoming Parents Evenings are scheduled for **Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th March**. We are no longer using a paper based method to book parent evenings. The MCAS app will require you to go onto MCAS (under Parents Evening) for each child to book their appointment. This will be on a first come first served basis. **The appointment timeslots will be live on MCAS from Monday 19th February at 6:00pm.**

Reminders:

- **School dinner or packed lunch** please remember to choose your option in MCAS. All menu choices are available until 9th February.
- **PE kit:** please ensure your child brings in a full PE kit (shorts/PE skort, polo t-shirt, socks and trainers) plus outdoor cold-weather kit such as tracksuit bottoms/long leggings and a jumper/cardigan.
- **Year 6 Residential** please continue to make payments on MCAS for the Year 6 Residential.
- **Little Lambourn Lights Stay and Play:** every Wednesday at 2:00pm-3:15pm. £1 per family. Enter via the bottom gate.

Future calendar dates – new dates added in green since last issue

29th January 2024: KS2 Choir members attending Young Voices Concert in O2 Arena
31st January: Y2 educational visit to Pizza Express
5th February: Y5 Tree Planting Trip
9th February: Rags to Riches (PTA)
12th to 16th February: Mid-term break : school closed
19th February: Back to school
1st March: Non-uniform day in exchange for a contribution to the PTA Rainbow Raffle
7th March: World Book Day
12th March 2024: Parent Evening
14th March 2024: Parent Evening
19th March 2024: KS2 Choir members Hexagon Choir Event
21st March: Rainbow Disco (PTA event)
27th March: PTA Rainbow Raffle and special Eater visitor

27th March: Term ends at 1:30pm
15th April: Back to school
3rd May 2024: Y5 Level 1 Bikeability
5th June 2024: Class group photos
24th June – 26th June 2024: Year 6 Residential
5th July 2024: Sports Day (tbc)
8th July 2024: Swimming Gala (tbc)
8th and 9th July: Y6 Group 1 Level 2 Bikeability
15th and 16th July: Y6 Group 2 Level 2 Bikeability
19th July: Colour Run (PTA event)

For the school term dates visit our website by clicking on this [Term Dates](#) link



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Love, Integrity, Grit, Hope & Trust



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Time to Talk Day - Rethink Mental Illness

On Thursday 1st of February 2024 it will be 'Time to Talk Day'. The initiative seeks to give us all a chance to be more open about our mental health, and talk about how we really feel. The celebration is given in partnership with the Co-Op and follows two subsequent years of successful 'Time to Talk' days. The organisation's site currently hosts resources, ways to get involved and stories about how opening up about mental health, has aided people up and down the country. To find out more, please follow the link below:

<https://www.rethink.org/campaigns-and-policy/awareness-days-and-events/time-to-talk-day>

Ofcom Report - Children and parents: Media use and attitudes report

Parental concerns about children's content consumption

- Seven in ten parents of children under 16 were concerned about the content their child saw online; the aspects of greatest concern were age-inappropriate content such as violence, bad language and disturbing content and sexual or 'adult' content.
- Parents had fewer concerns about the TV content their child watched than about online content: 46% were concerned about their child seeing bad language, violence or disturbing content on TV.
- Parents in Wales were more likely than parents in the other UK nations to be very concerned about some aspects of their child's media use, such as their child giving out personal details to people online or seeing age-inappropriate content online or on TV.

Negative experiences and coping strategies

- More than a third (36%) of children aged 8-17 said they had seen something 'worrying or nasty' online in the past 12 months; six in ten said they would always tell someone about this (59%).
- Children were more likely to experience being bullied via technology than face-to-face: 84% of 8-17s said they had been bullied this way (i.e., via text or messaging, on social media, in online games, through phone or video calls, or via other apps and sites) compared to 61% being bullied face-to-face.
- Nearly all children aged 12-17 were aware of at least one safety feature to help keep themselves safe online (94%); 84% had put these into practice. Blocking people on social media was the behaviour with the highest levels of awareness and use.

Indeed, more than half of parents (52%) surveyed by Ofcom admitted to worrying about their child being bullied via their mobile phone – and with hazards like scams, screen addiction and inappropriate content to consider, that's far from the only risk around. Please see the leaflet below:

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefters and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect; players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (aka, Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.





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Christian Vision & Values Medals

'Let Your Light Shine'

F2 - Noah & Mya

Year 1 - Marnie & Benecio

Year 2 - Dash

Year 3 - Bowie & Lily

Year 4 - Mia & Sharan

Year 5 - Jarvis & Kiera

Year 6 - Theo & Mya

Reading Champions

Troy & Aliya

Eric & Lacey

Children show us what you love about reading next week!

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received Principal's Awards this week. We are all very impressed with the following children's quality of work and commitment to their learning.

Everyone else, remember, never, never, never give up!

F2 - Walt, Halle, Angel & Oscar

Year 1 - Isla, Oscar, Scott & Elodie

Year 2 - Ivy, Lola, Aarav & Frankie

Year 3 - Jet, Harry, Lucy & Louie

Year 4 - Phoebe, Mia and Poppy

Year 5 - Layla, Sophia, Tayla & Sanjanna

Year 6 - Jan, Ria, Chase & Dotty

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I have been contacted by concerned parents about cars stopping and waiting outside of the school premises and leaving their engines running whilst parked. This is called '*idling*', and is illegal to do it on public roads for more than 30 seconds:

<https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/environmental-health/air-quality/vehicle-idling/>.

An idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter. These can effect the air quality of the surrounding environment and the air our children are breathing.

How can you help?

Turn off you engine whilst waiting outside schools, super markets, rail crossing, canal crossing...ANY CROSSING or ANY WHERE, where you know you will be waiting for more than 30 seconds.

Please read this leaflet published by West Berkshire:

<https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/media/2429/air-quality-anti-idling-trifold-leaflet.pdf>.



Public Protection Partnership | Bracknell Forest
West Berkshire
Wokingham

The Legislation

Vehicle idling is an offence against the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002. The law states that is an offence to idle your engine unnecessarily when stationary. If you fail to turn your engine off after being spoken to you may be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £20.

The legislation covers all vehicles on public roads including buses, taxis and private cars. It does **NOT** apply to vehicles moving slowly due to road works or congestion; vehicles stopped at traffic lights; vehicles under test or repair; or defrosting a windscreen.

Contact Us

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Stop Being Idle!

Idling Vehicles Contribute to Air Pollution!

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

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Did you know it is against the law, on a public highway, to run your engine unnecessarily while your vehicle is stationary? It will also pollute the environment.



Reasons NOT to be idle

- By turning off your engine you improve air quality, reduce fuel costs and comply with the law.
- Reducing air pollutants can help cut heart disease, reduce lung cancer and prevent asthma attacks.
- Pollution affects everyone and children are the closest to exhaust fumes.

What can YOU do?

- Don't use the car unless you have to. It is healthier to cycle or walk, plus you'll save money.
- Switch off your engine if you are parked for more than 10 seconds. It uses less fuel than leaving the engine running.
- Don't idle while waiting – whether it's outside a school, in a car park, at the shop or anywhere else!
- Turn your engine off while sitting in your car waiting for someone. Most people switch their engines off when waiting to pick up passengers. This is smart because it saves money on fuel and helps stop air pollution building up.

Did someone once tell you...

Starting an engine can cause more pollution than idling.

FALSE: Turning off an engine and restarting it after a minute or two (or longer) causes less pollution than keeping the engine idling, and it uses less fuel.

The engine needs to stay on to keep the battery fully charged.

FALSE: Modern batteries need less engine running time.

When it's cold I need to keep my vehicle warm to warm up my engine.

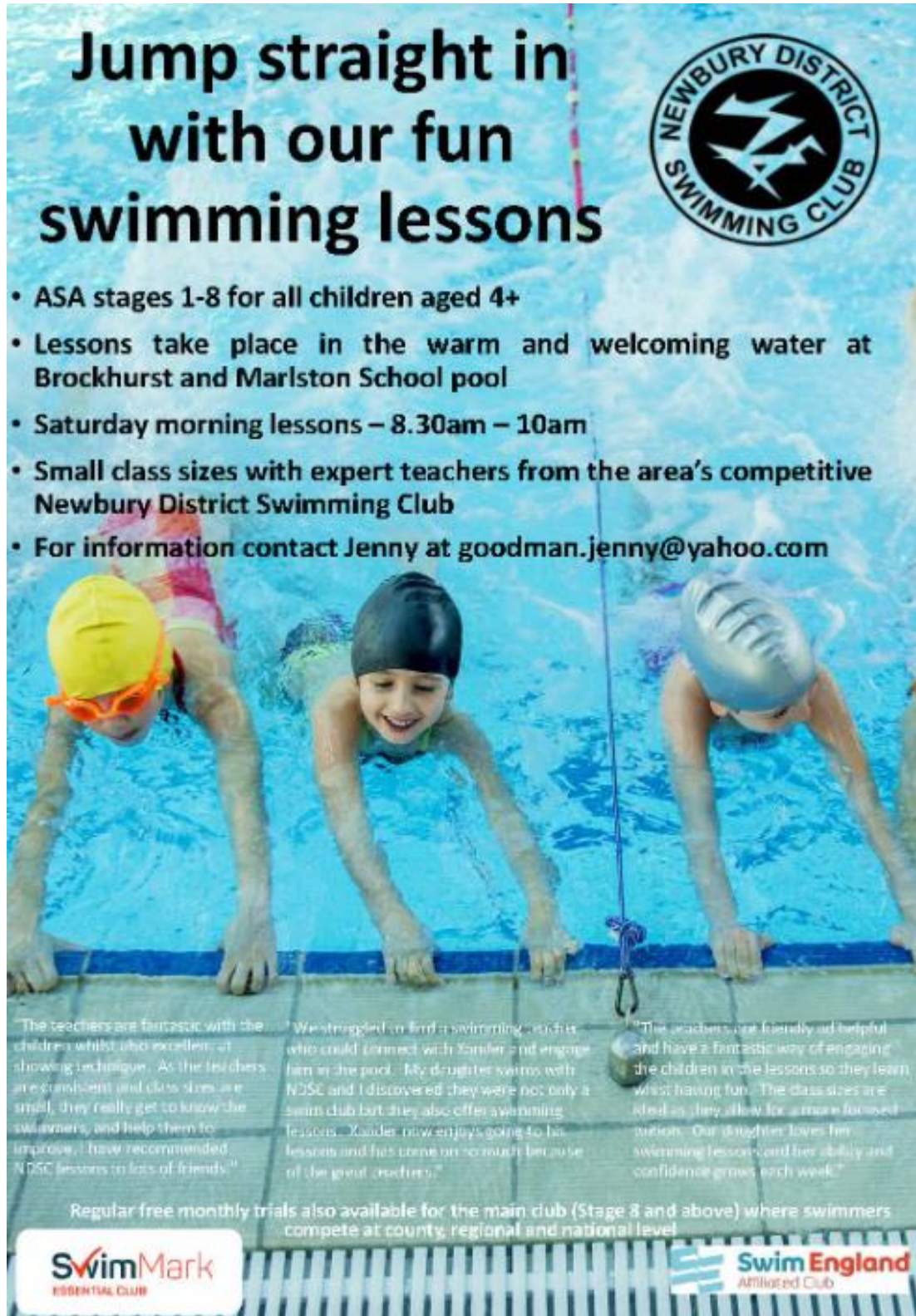
FALSE: Your engine will stay warm for 30-60 minutes after switching the engine off.

Catalytic converters need the engine running to be kept hot to work properly


FALSE: An idling engine does not keep a catalytic converter warm. They retain their heat for about 25 minutes after the engine is switched off.

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Jump straight in with our fun swimming lessons





- ASA stages 1-8 for all children aged 4+
- Lessons take place in the warm and welcoming water at Brockhurst and Marlston School pool
- Saturday morning lessons – 8.30am – 10am
- Small class sizes with expert teachers from the area's competitive Newbury District Swimming Club
- For information contact Jenny at goodman.jenny@yahoo.com

"The teachers are fantastic with the children whilst also excellent at showing technique. As the teachers are confident and class sizes are small, they really get to know the swimmers, and help them to improve. I have recommended NDSC lessons to lots of friends."

"We struggled to find a swimming teacher who could connect with Kinder and engage him in the pool. My daughter swims with NDSC and I discovered they were not only a swim club but they also offer swimming lessons. Kinder now enjoys going to his lessons and has come on so much because of the great teachers."

"The teachers are friendly and helpful and have a fantastic way of engaging the children in the lessons so they learn whilst having fun. The class sizes are ideal as they allow for a more focused session. Our daughter loves her swimming lessons and her ability and confidence grows each week."

Regular free monthly trials also available for the main club (Stage 8 and above) where swimmers compete at county, regional and national level

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Snug and Grub Catch a Bug!

Puppet Theatre

Mon 12 Feb | 11am & 1pm | Adult £10, Child £7

Snug and Grub live safely underground in their earthy heap. One day they pop out from under a rock to see some googly eyes peering through the leaves. What on earth is it? Can they catch it before some more holes appear in their bean plant?

Join Garlic Theatre for this funny, bug-tastic adventure, with clowning, a beautifully crafted set, colourful puppets and foot tapping music.

Suitable for 3 – 8 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.
Under 2 years free with a paying group.

Shaw House is open to the public every weekend from 10 Feb to 29 Sept 2024, 11am - 4pm and on weekdays during school holidays at 10am - 4pm.

Movie in the Hall

The Secret Life of Pets

Tues 13 Feb | 10.30am | Adult £5, Child £3

Max, a pet dog, is not very pleased when his master brings home another dog named Duke. However, they set aside their differences after they learn their owner is in danger!

The café will be open serving cinema sweets and treats.

Family Activity Day

Art from the Heart

Wed 14 Feb | 10am - 3pm | £2.50 | Drop-in

Decorate a wooden heart with paint pens. A new House trail will be available too.

Suitable for 7-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.



Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 2DR | 01635 279279
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

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February Half Term

LGBTQ+ Family Morning

Mon 12 Feb | 10.30am - 12pm | Free, pre-book

Join us for a relaxed morning in the Museum's Long Room, providing a safe space for local LGBTQ+ families to meet one another and be involved in a creative activity.

Members of the Newbury Pride committee will be on hand to answer questions and to deliver the craft session.

There will be refreshments available in the café. On Mondays, the Museum is closed to the public so refreshments will be limited and self-service (free).

The craft is aimed at children 7-12 year olds but younger and older children are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-book online.



Family Art Workshop

Tues 13 Feb | 10am - 12.30pm | £13, pre-book

Heroes and Villains of the Ages

Join Armadillo Art Experience to learn the skills you need to draw caricature portraits of heroes and villains from across the Ages, from Elizabeth I and Boudicca to John Winchcombe.

All materials included. Suitable for 7 years +

Messy Museum Day

Fri 16 Feb | 10am - 3pm | £2.50, drop-in

Curious Cats

Make an Ancient Egypt inspired cat out of air-drying clay then paint it black with lots of gold details.

Suitable for 7-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.



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