

Mrs Minshall-Thomas' Star Moments



Sound's Superstars

A fantastic week with so much going on from Pantomimes to Residentials! On Monday, we had our Mother's Day Event, a huge thank you to the PTA who raised a fantastic £282.85. On Wednesday, the Year 3&4 children performed an amazing play. It was a great team effort and the children's personalities really shone through! On Thursday, our Year 1&2 children set off on their residential (pictures to follow..) We had lots of excited children and staff-we can't wait to hear all about it ! I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic Easter break and for your continued support.

- Diamond
- Emerald
- Ruby
- George— Caring
- Sapphire
- Onyx

Our Sound Superstars are coming after the holidays, once the other classes are back.

Our new website is live. There are a few items still to add and an official launch will be coming soon! Watch this space!

What's coming up after the holidays....

Building work starts in the Easter holidays !On Monday 15th April, we have our Easter Services at the chapel. On Thursday, we have our Annual Easter Bonnet Parade. So much to look forward to and then we finish on the Thursday for the Easter weekend.

No Snacks first day back !

Just a quick message to say there will be **no** snacks the first day back, as we will be at the Chapel. Thanks.

News in Brief

Building Work at Sound

You will have received a letter last week regarding our exciting new classroom build. As stated in the letter there will be NO ACCESS to the front of school for staff or parent's after the Easter holidays. All cars will be stationed on the parent car park. We thank you again for your support in this matter.



New School Website

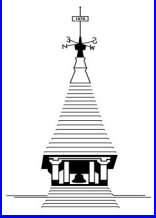
We are working hard on our new website which will be launched in the near future. A form for Photography and Parental Consent will be sent out today . Please could I ask you to complete this in preparation for our new website by Thursday 18th April.



<https://soundprimary.co.uk>

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 15.3.19—Easter Services at the Chapel
- ◆ 17.4.19—Academy Photographs in for Sports and Music
- ◆ 18.4.19- Easter Bonnet Parade
- ◆ 19.4.19-Good Friday
- ◆ 22.4.19-Easter Monday
- ◆ 23.4.19—Reception trip to Reaseheath
- ◆ 29.4.19—Year 3 Residential Visit



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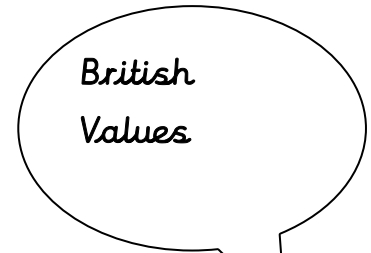


Year 5 & 6 Football Stars

Last Friday, the school Football team put in a wonderful performance and reached the finals in the tournament. The team came 2nd out of 40 schools an amazing performance !



This week in Global Learning
we are focusing on...



Year 3 & 4 Spring Production!!



Perfect Attendance!

Weekly Class Attendance

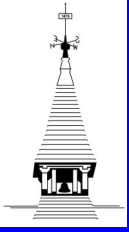
Diamond	- 86.2%
Emerald	- 96.5%
Ruby	- 97.5%
Sapphire	- 96.9%
Onyx	- 93.5%



Congratulation's

Our School Target is 96.7%





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Lottery Bid

We are applying for funding for a new outdoor community gazebo that will be 5M wide with a decked base, glazed sides and benches. We are interested in the types of community activity that this space could host and we would be grateful for your views.

What are outdoor facilities and activities like in the village?

How does this impact your experience of living here?

Are there outdoor activities that you or your family currently take part in that could benefit from an outdoor covered space?

Can you think of new or future community activities that could benefit from a covered outdoor space?

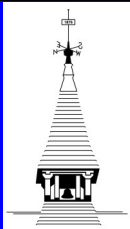
Would you be interested in running these?

For community group leaders

1) How does your group strengthen the local community?

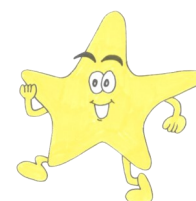
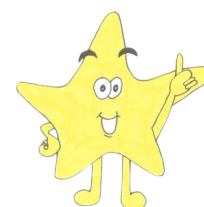
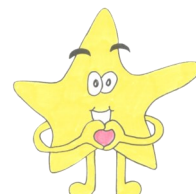
2) How might a new covered outdoor area help you achieve your group's aims?

PLEASE COULD YOU SEND YOU RESPONSES TO admin@sound.cheshire.sch.uk



Important Dates for Your Diary—Summer Term 2019

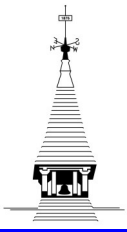
- ⇒ Summer Term 1 begins— Monday 15th April
- ⇒ Easter Services at the local chapel -Monday 15th April (more information to follow)
- ⇒ Academy Photographs in—Sports and Music— Wednesday 17th April
- ⇒ Easter Bonnet Parade—Thursday 18th April
- ⇒ Good Friday—school closed—Friday 19th April
- ⇒ Easter Monday—school closed Monday 22nd April
- ⇒ Year 3 Residential—Monday 29th April -Wednesday 1st May
- ⇒ May Day Bank Holiday—school closed—Monday 6th May
- ⇒ Year 1 Cake sale—Tuesday 7th May
- ⇒ SATs Week KS2—Monday 13th May
- ⇒ Sports day—Wednesday 22nd May
- ⇒ Break up for half term—Friday 24th May
- ⇒ Spring bank holiday—Monday 27th May
- ⇒ Summer Term 2 begins—Monday 3rd June
- ⇒ Diamond Cake Sale—Tuesday 11th June
- ⇒ Reserve Sports Day—Wednesday 12th June
- ⇒ Town Sports—Field Events—Monday 24th June
- ⇒ Year 6 Cake Sale—Tuesday 25th June
- ⇒ Town Sport Track—Wednesday 26th June
- ⇒ Primary College, Onyx Class—Tuesday 9th&10th July
- ⇒ Thursday, 18th July Year 6 Leaver Assembly



Dates for
your
diary.....

3. Mothers Day	Monday 25 th March In school time
4. Chocolate Bingo	Thursday 2 nd May 6:00-8:00pm
5. Party in the playground (linked vegetarian week)	Thursday 23 rd May 3:15-4:15pm
6. Fathers Day	Thursday 13 th June In school time
7. Summer Fair	Saturday 29 th June TIME TO BE CONFIRMED





Easter Activity Morning - Thursday 18th April 2019

Reception, Year One and Year Two children

Dear Parents and Carers,

To celebrate Easter, we have planned a range of activities for the children and we would like to invite you to our school to share in some of our celebrations.

In preparation for our Easter morning, we would like all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two to design and make their own Easter bonnet. Shown below are several examples of Easter bonnets from previous parades. The more creative the better! Please send these bonnets in with children on the day of the parade.



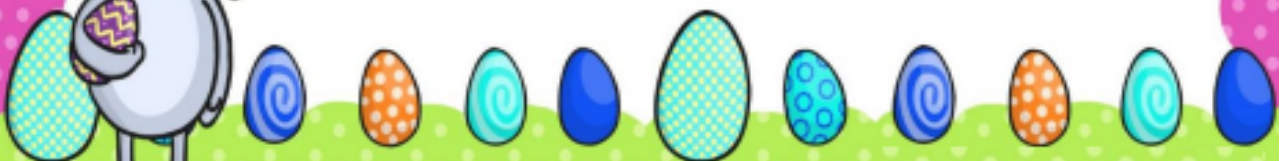
You are invited to school from 9am to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade, which will showcase the Easter bonnets that the children will have made. In good weather, this will take place outside. In poorer weather conditions, this will take place inside the school.

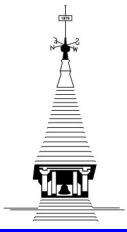
Other Easter craft activities will then take place after the parade. This will take place in individual classes. We will arrange for siblings to be together. Please note that we are unfortunately unable to accommodate pushchairs inside the classrooms due to space.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see many of you there on Thursday 18th April.

We can't wait to see the cracking and egg-cellent designs!

From all the staff in Reception, Year One and Year Two.





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Broomhall and Sound Chapel

Invite you to bring your mum to our



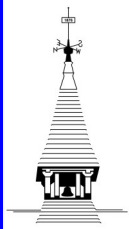
All Age Worship

This Sunday at 9:30

(Please Remember the clocks go forward)

Followed by tea and cake!

All Welcome!



Internet Safety Information For Parents

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one online risk of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What parents need to know about VPNs

Although a great privacy tool in the right hands, VPNs can be dangerous for children and let them bypass restrictions you have on web browsing.

What is a VPN?

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) is a privacy tool used to hide internet activity from prying eyes. Without a VPN, internet traffic is sent directly from your computer or smartphone, letting anyone in-between you and a website or service that you're accessing (such as a wireless hotspot owner or your ISP) see what you're doing. With a VPN, a secure tunnel is created between your computer or phone and what's known as the endpoint. The endpoint is merely the part of the internet where your connection comes out and can be in the same country as you or located anywhere else in the world.

Using a VPN has two main effects. First, as the tunnel is fully encrypted, nobody between you and the final endpoint can see what you're up to. Secondly, as all of your traffic looks as though it's coming from the endpoint, you can further avoid being tracked and monitored, hiding your real location from everyone.

VPNs have many legitimate uses. For example, running a VPN when on a wireless hotspot or hotel network that you don't trust, gives you additional security. There's also improved privacy by using a VPN, preventing ad networks and the like from tracking you and working out where you live. VPNs are also often used to bypass protections, say watching UK streaming TV when abroad by pretending that you're still in the UK. The way a VPN works means that children can also use VPNs to hide what they're doing and get around any restrictions that you might have in place.



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MEET OUR EXPERT

This guide has been written by David Ludlow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to control and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



What are the risks?

There are three main issues with VPN usage by children, potentially affecting their privacy (and yours), and opening them up to seeing inappropriate content.

1) Viewing age-inappropriate content

Parental control tools work by looking at the sites that a child is trying to visit, and then blocking according to a list of what's not allowed. With a VPN, the secure tunnel that's created means that web traffic can't be viewed, so parental controls stop working. Once on the open internet, a child using a VPN can look at anything they like unrestricted. This isn't just at home. Children that are allowed to take devices into school for work purposes can also use VPNs to bypass any filters that have been set up on the school network, too. VPNs can both be in software and via what's known as a proxy website. With a proxy website, a child visits this, then enters in a blocked website address that they want to view, the blocked website is then downloaded and viewed through the proxy, sidestepping any parental protection.

2) Malware infections

Installing any unknown application is fraught with danger, and the same applies to many free VPN applications. In an investigation, it was found that 38% of free Android VPNs contained malware, with 75% also designed to track activity. By installing suspect software, a child may be opening themselves up to being spied on and their private details being stolen. If you use a shared device with a child, an infection can also affect you. Malware can spread, and there's a high risk to other devices on your network. There's a chance that a dodgy VPN will use your computer and internet bandwidth, too. Back in 2015, the free Hola VPN extension was found to be secretly selling its users' bandwidth via another service and, in some cases, users' internet connections were being used for illegal activity.

3) Free VPNs can spy on people

The best commercial VPNs are built around privacy and have strict rules about hiding activity, not spying on users and not logging data. These tools are built for adults who wish to protect their anonymity. Child often go for free VPNs and proxy websites, which have a less strict code of ethics. Many free VPNs have been found to spy on activity, store private information and even sell this data on. When using a VPN like this, dodgy adverts and pop-ups can be inserted into web traffic, beyond the harmful things that your child may already be viewing.

What parents can do

Although the risks might seem entirely different, the protection from VPNs is the same for all of the threats.

Filter VPN sites

Check the parental controls software that you're using to see if there's a filter to block VPN/proxy traffic. If this is selected, it will prevent most known VPNs from working, along with proxy websites.

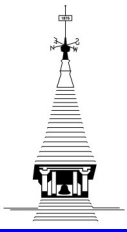
Block VPN applications

Stopping and removing any VPN applications running on a child's device is a must. If you have parental control software that can restrict application use, make sure that you investigate any application that your child wants to install and block all VPNs. If you've recently enabled any applications, go back and check what they're used for and remove any VPNs that you find. If you don't have software to check what's running on a child's device, then you should manually check. Searching for an application with VPN in the name is a good idea. Look out for tell-tale signs, too! Computers and phones will usually display a different connection symbol when a VPN is connected. You can also use a child's computer to try and view a restricted website to ensure that filtering is still in place.

Monitor your child's online activity

In order to prevent your children from falling prey to inappropriate content, it's important to monitor your child's internet usage and have open and honest discussions with them about their online activities.

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Sounds School Lottery

your school lottery

Last Saturday's Draw
9 7 8 1 3 5
Mrs. B.
£15.00

Ticket Count:
56 😊 up 3
School Funds to date:
£926!

Projected Annual Fund:
£1,165

Mrs. S. has kindly donated last weeks winnings to the School!! Thank you 😊

Friends Of Sound and District Primary School PTA

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk (and search for 'Sound')



Message from Friends of Sound



Amazon Smile

Hi all parents, teachers and Friends of Sound. I have just used smile.amazon.co.uk when I made a couple of purchases online and it was really simple. Now that we are a registered charity the PTA will receive a donation from amazon on every purchase that is eligible, which seems to be most.

To support this charitable organisation, always shop at smile.amazon.co.uk. You can find Friend of Sound School when you are asked to choose a charity. Give it a try next time you're planning to make a purchase. Every little extra funding we can get, makes a difference to the school and our children's education.