

## Welcome Back

Welcome to the new term. We're pleased to be back in school and hoping that this term will see all staff and children safely back in school. We, like many other schools, are still experiencing high levels of absence but please be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure as much consistency as possible for your children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 4th November** - Flu Nasal Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 children

**Tuesday 9th November** - 1-2-3 MAGIC course starts for parents from 1pm - 3pm (6 week course ending 14th November)

**Friday 19th November** - BBC Children In Need - All children are invited to wear their spots to school.

### Meet the staff

With access to school once again limited, it can be even more difficult to remember who people are!



Mr Jason Ashbridge is our Y4 Elm Class teacher.

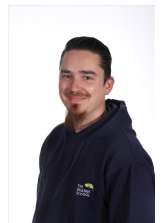
### COMING SOON- Christmas 2021 arrangements!



Miss India Warren is an ex-pupil who is now back as a member of our support staff.



Mrs Mewish Meer & Mr Steven Piper have joined our lunchtime team.



Miss Ginny Gould has joined our Upper Key Stage 2 teaching team. She is currently leading our remote learning programme.

**November is Anti-Bullying Month**

National Anti-Bullying Week falls in November each year. Whilst we always run school initiatives at this time, this year we are having an even bigger focus.

Teachers across the country are reporting that, as a result of the pandemic, children have 'forgotten' how to play with large numbers of children. They are less resilient than they used to be and schools are experiencing larger numbers of children who are finding playtimes more difficult to cope with.

We are taking the time to explore these issues with the children and ensuring that they have the skills to play together well; recognise and deal with inappropriate behaviour; distinguish between inappropriate behaviour and bullying and know where to go for help.

Please be assured that we don't feel that we have a huge issue with bullying in school, but feel this is a crucial part of our COVID recovery plan.

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
Online Safety Tips for Children

**Be cautious with your profile**  
Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you online. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

**Lock your devices**  
Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

**Be smart with screen time**  
Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night; you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

**Know how to deal with bullies**  
Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

**Manage online relationships wisely**  
Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.

**React well to inappropriate content**  
When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened; they'll help you decide what to do next.

**Report offensive in-game chat**  
If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

**Learn to spot fake news**  
If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

**Keep it 'real' with online friends**  
Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

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