

# Maybury News

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## A Message from Mrs Merritt

Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter! Although it doesn't feel very long since our last newsletter, as two weeks of April was our Easter holidays, we have still started the new term with fun and exciting additional activities for the children! This month children in Jellyfish class enjoyed a wonderful trip to Nower wood as part of their science topic "The Environment." Seahorses class went to Windsor Castle as part of their Castles, Kings and Queens topic. They saw where the queen lives and also took part in a "Knights wanted: Apply here!" workshop, where they got to dress up as knights and learnt how to be a knight!

All the children have enjoyed a fantastic Kings and Queens themed week this week. They have been learning about the Queen and the importance of the Platinum Jubilee. They even had a special visit from Mrs England's mum who shared her memories of the Queen's coronation which is was part of. They also got to spend time at our "Jubilee museum " where they looked at stamps and coronation memorabilia. The children also took part in a special workshop from Chertsey museum where they learnt about the Queen, her coronation and her role. Yesterday we had a fantastic day celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with our themed mufti day, we had a whole school picnic and even sang the National Anthem. A fun day had by all!



This week we also had our family fun afternoon. Thank you to every family who came to join in with the fun and support us! We raised a total of £2,000 which will directly-benefitted the children.

Since the end of last term, we have seen some more 'Covid changes', with the country moving to the next phase of learning to live with Covid. Therefore, if pupils are unwell or have a temperature then they should remain at home. The same goes from a school perspective, in that we will only be calling you to collect your child if they have a high temperature or are generally unwell. We will also be stopping the practice of contacting the community about positive COVID cases. However, it is worth remembering that, although this is the guidance set by the government moving forward, it doesn't mean that COVID has gone away and although there are a number of measures in the community to keep people safe, we still need to take care and be vigilant to keep vulnerable people protected. Thank you for your support in this.

As we progress through this term, we can expect, and hope, that the weather will continue to get warmer, this means that we all need to be sun smart! This means ensuring we stay hydrated, cover up in the sun (wearing sun hats) and put on sun cream to protect our skin. Therefore, please can you ensure that your children come to school with water, sun hats and with sun cream applied. This way we can all enjoy the warmer weather safely—do remember we can still all burn through cloud cover. The children are able to wear our school summer uniform which included school shorts and school summer dresses.

After the holidays PE days will be as follow

Reception	Thursday and Friday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

I hope you have a restful half term break, school will reopen on Monday 6th June at 8:40am.

Mrs Merritt

Headteacher

## Thank you

We would like to express our thanks to the following for supporting our Family Fun Day:

Wisley Gardens

Sorella Salon

Nova Cinema

Body & Beauty Salon, Woking

The Entertainer, Woking

Hoebridge Golf Club

Wellington Country Park

Chobham Adventure Farm

Bocketts Farm Park

Asda, Woking

Waitrose, Goldsworth Park

Waterstones, Woking

Poundland, Woking

Rymans , Woking

The Works, Woking

The Maybury families who generously donated their time and deliciously cooked food

All of the Maybury families for their continued support

Our local community

All members of the Maybury Primary School Team



## Fixed Term Penalty Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not need to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

### **Statutory consultation launch: Proposed changes to the School Admission Appeals Code**

The temporary regulations currently in place for admission appeals are due to expire on 30 September 2022. We understand from the feedback we have received that admission authorities have welcomed the flexibilities which enabled appeals to continue during the pandemic. Furthermore, responses indicated that many admission authorities would like to see some of these changes made permanent.

Following this positive feedback, we are now consulting on making some of the changes available in the temporary regulations permanent and able to be used without conditions relating to COVID-19. We are not at this stage seeking views on wider changes to other elements of the Appeals Code.

The permanent changes we are consulting on are:

- To allow admission authorities to decide whether to hold appeal hearings remotely (by telephone or video conference) or in person, or to give a choice of either, without reasons relating to COVID-19.
- To allow appeal hearings to continue and be decided by a panel of two, if the third member of an appeal panel has to withdraw and either postponing the remaining hearings or restarting the appeal will lead to an unreasonable delay.

We hope to gather views directly from parents, including any comments about the potential impact of the proposals on individuals who may have protected characteristics, for example parents who have English as an additional language, or who may require reasonable adjustments to participate due to a special medical or social need.

Any parents or parent forums who may wish to provide feedback can submit their views on the consultation linked above.

We have also set up the [admissionappeals.consultation@education.gov.uk](mailto:admissionappeals.consultation@education.gov.uk) mailbox for any comments or questions in relation to this consultation

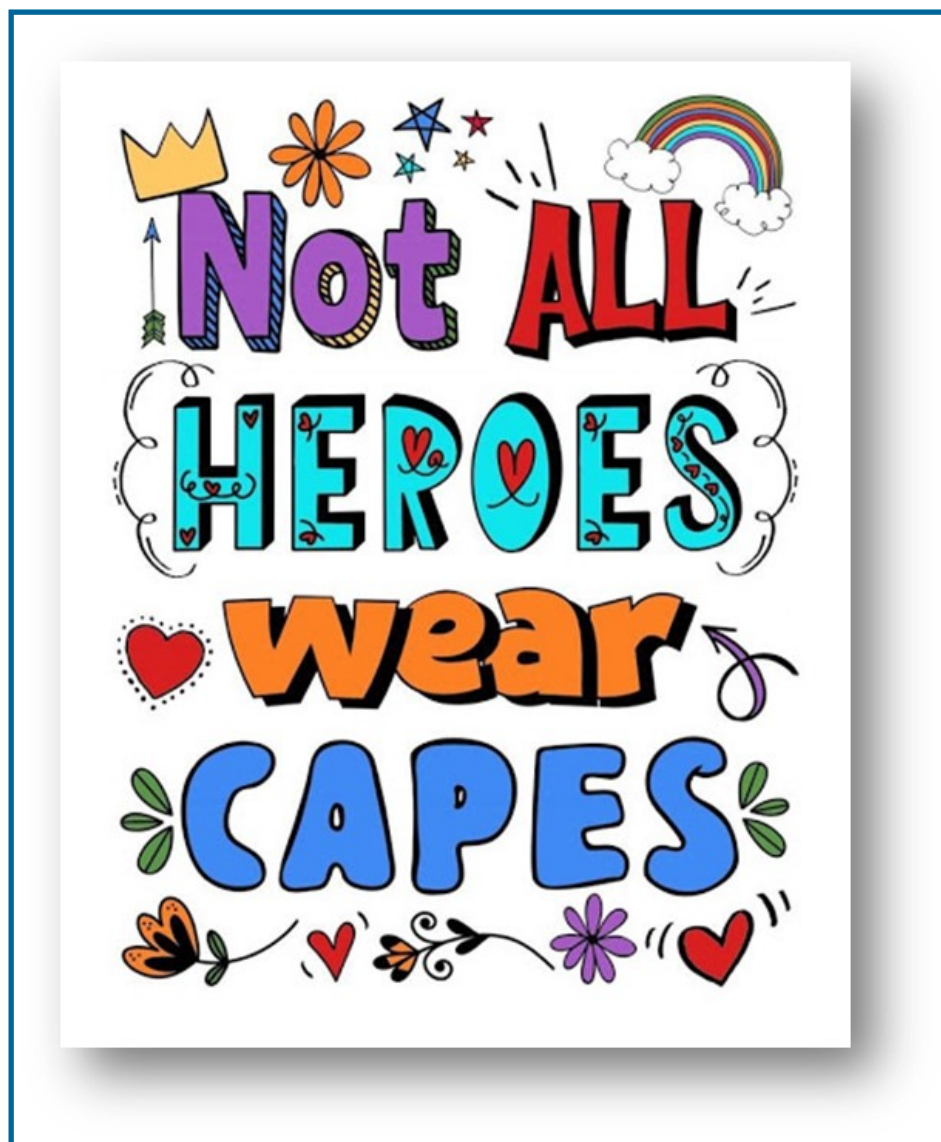
## School Meals

Please can we remind parents that school dinners should be paid for in advance. Please ensure that payment for the week ahead is made by the Monday morning, the cost for one week is £12.25 (£2.45 per day). Please also note that it is also possible to pay for more than one week at a time.

# Maybury Heroes

It's nice to be nice and if a member of Maybury Primary staff made you smile then let us know and we will pass on your comments to them. It can be for absolutely anyone in school and for any reason - we'd just like to know! Maybe someone in the office was super helpful, someone made your child smile, your class teacher or support staff went the extra mile, or you were helped by the Home school Link Worker, Inclusion Leader or Senior Leadership Team or you just want to say thankyou. Please click on the link and fill out the form it will take you to, then just add in the information about the Maybury Hero. We will share these nominations with staff each week in our staff meeting!

The form can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/WZNRw9TY1t>



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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## EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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## TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



## HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

## ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

## IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.



## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

### MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.



### LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.



### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.



### USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.



### MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.



## Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



**National Online Safety**

#WakeUpWednesday

SOURCES TikTok.com



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## Useful Dates

<b>May</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>School closes for half term at 3:15pm</b>
<b>Monday – Friday (2 weeks)</b>		<b>HALF TERM 23rd May to 3rd June 2022</b>
<b>June</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	Children return to school
Monday – Friday	6 – 10	Enterprise week - Starfish
Monday – Friday	6 – 10	Science week
Friday	10	Happy Bags collection
Tuesday	7	Planetarium visit to school
Monday – Friday	13 - 17	Enterprise week – Seahorses
Tuesday	14	Manta Rays class trip to Wisley
Monday – Friday	20 - 24	Enterprise week - Jellyfish
Wednesday	22	Sea Turtles class strawberry picking
Monday – Friday	27 – 1	Enterprise week – Manta Rays
Monday	27	Seahorses Class Assembly – 2:45pm
Tuesday	28	Starbooks Reading Café – Library – 3:15pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday	29	Class changeover day
Wednesday	29	Reception induction meeting: 9am – 10am
Wednesday	29	Nursery Induction: AM: 9am-10.30am & PM: 1pm-2.30pm
<b>July</b>		
Monday – Friday	4 – 8	Enterprise week - Angelfish
Wednesday	6	Sports Day
Thursday	7	Dolphins Class Trip to Chessington
Friday	8	Reports to parents
Friday	8	Starfish Class Assembly – 9:00am
Monday – Friday	11 – 15	Enterprise week – Sea Turtles & Dolphins
Thursday	14	Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 2:30pm
Friday	15	Maybury's Got Talent
Monday – Wednesday	18-20	Sea Turtles and Dolphins Residential Trip to High Ashurst
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>End of term, school finishes at 1:30pm</b>

## Academic Dates 2021/2022

### **Autumn Term 2021**

1st September 2021 to 17th December 2021

*Half Term 22nd October 2021—29th October 2021*

### **Spring Term 2022**

4th January 2022 to 1st April 2022

*Half Term 14th February 2022—18th February 2022*

### **Summer Term 2022**

19th April 2022 to 22nd July 2022 (**Last day of the Summer Term is Weds 20th July 2022**)

*Half Term 23rd May 2022—3rd June 2022*

(Please note May half term will be for 2 weeks)

### **INSET Days—SCHOOL CLOSED for training**

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

## Academic Dates 2022/2023

### **Autumn Term 2022**

1st September 2022 to 16th December 2022

*Half Term 24th October 2022—28th October 2022*

### **Spring Term 2023**

3rd January 2023 to 31st March 2023

*Half Term 13th February 2023—17th February 2023*

### **Summer Term 2023**

17th April 2023 to 21st July 2023

*Half Term 22nd May 2023 - 2nd June 2023*

(Please note May half term will be for 2 weeks)

### **INSET Days—SCHOOL CLOSED for training**

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

## Our Values – Summer Term



Values-based Education  
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April: Responsibility

May: Perseverance

June: Honesty

July: Courage

### Responsibility

April's value is **Responsibility**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Discuss the importance of looking after property, taking care of things and looking after environment
- Encourage your children to be responsible for bringing the correct equipment to school (book bags, library books, P.E kits etc.)
- Read 'Dear Greenpeace' by Simon James and 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes

### Perseverance

May's value is **Perseverance**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Talk about the importance of never giving up
- Regularly encourage children to try new things
- Share some instances when you've needed perseverance and grit to accomplish a difficult task

### Honesty:

June's value is **Honesty**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- To ensure children play fairly, no cheating in games!
- To praise and value your child when they tell the truth.
- To read stories such as "The boy who cried wolf".

### Courage:

July's value is **Courage**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Talk about standing up for what is right and being brave.
  - Talking about when you have been scared
  - Encouraging children to have a go at new things: swimming, sports activities etc.
  - Read 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson and 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson

