



Message from the Director of Education

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of M'bk Parent Comms.

Please make a careful note of any important dates or notices and as usual, ask if you require clarification.

Unfortunately this week saw yet another social media warning for our youngsters that I would like to pass on. Often, Meadowbrook parents have communicated surprise that I write to you to cascade such warnings. Some of you do not think that your children are privy to the latest app, game, social media craze but such an assumption is dangerous. Children younger and younger are talking about Instagram, Snapchat, the coolest 'vloggers' recommendation etc and even if your child doesn't own an iPad, phone or computer, the chances are, he or she is exposed through social interaction somehow. We talk to our children regularly about keeping safe online and would ask that you do the same.

The latest warning is a mobile phone app called **SARAHAH**. It lets bullies send abusive messages anonymously. And it's already spreading like wildfire across schools with countless children's lives being made miserable right now. It is like putting a bully in their pocket! The dangerous app has hit the headlines this week after one mother spoke out about how bullies were using the app to target her child. Like the Blue Whale Game we highlighted previously, please make sure your children are aware of this

and that they would know what to do if they came across it.

Any parent who wants advice on keeping children safe online can contact the **NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5002**.

Best wishes for now.

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REMINDERS THIS WEEK ...

Yr 3 & 4 Library Trip tomorrow. Children will be walking if weather is clear so comfy shoes and coats please.

MOTHER'S DAY date change...Primary mother's day celebration has changed from 9th March to 7th March. Invites will appear shortly in pockets.

EMAILS...Can primary parents please be reminded to email Joy or use the message book if they wish to communicate something to class teachers. The morning is such an important time for teachers we would ask that you are mindful when having a quick word. Similarly, some teachers are receiving so many emails that it is taking up the majority of their planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time just to respond. Class teachers have email addresses which they will look at periodically throughout the week but please know that they may not get back to you until the end of a week when most have a long enough PPA period.

SPORTING FIXTURES...We will shortly be announcing the football re-matches for our U11's and U10's. So far we are trying to plan for the week commencing 7/2/18 but the other school is proving hard to pin down!

Monday 5/3/18 is the U11 ISA Regional Football Tournament. M'bk will be taking 2 teams of 6 and we will soon be asking selected children for availability confirmation via email.

ISA Athletics is going ahead on 6th June. More information will be issued once we have received it from Claires Court.

New Shakespeare Monologues Competition

Year 5 & 6 pupils will soon be filming their own Shakespeare



Monologues and uploading them to YouTube as part of a fun, educational and exciting ISA competition opportunity. This will tie in with their visit to Romeo and Juliet during Shakespeare after half term.



HEALTH WARNING...

There have been measles outbreaks in some areas, affecting unvaccinated children and adults. When outbreaks occur, any child with suspected measles should be excluded from school for 5 days after the onset of the rash. To prevent the spread of this disease, suspected cases should not be taken to GP surgeries; instead parents should phone the GP practice for advice.