

## TRAFFIC AND PARKING

This is not the first time we've written about this topic, but just in case you are tempted to move on, **please do not skip past this bit of the newsletter!**

The traffic and parking situation is intolerable and the safety of our children, families and neighbours is at risk. Parents and carers are routinely parking on zig-zag lines, across people's driveways and even across the school gates. On Sandy Lane, where there is no designated crossing, this is particularly hazardous. We're sure we don't need to remind you of what happened there just over two years ago.

On Monday, PC Manns will be visiting us to deliver an assembly to the children about road safety. However, it is not the children that have the power to address the parking situation. PC Manns has asked us to share the following message:

*It has been brought to my attention by community members that the parking situation at the start and end of school is becoming unmanageable.*

*We understand safeguarding is a top priority. However, the parking situation is becoming dangerous. A few near misses have been reported to us.*

*We ask that you park in the side streets and walk to the school to pick up your children. Double parking and dangerous parking cannot be accepted. I have spoken to local councillors to work through these issues.*

*Please accept this message as a notice that officers will now routinely undertake spot checks and issues tickets which will result in a fine.*

*Many thanks*

*David Manns, PC 22970*

For our part, we have thought long and hard and often about this. It is not within our authority to take action over issues outside the school grounds. However, we cannot continue to allow children to leave via the Sandy Lane gates and be put in danger as they are being at the moment. **Therefore, if we do not see a significant and sustained improvement in the coming week, we will no longer be opening the Sandy Lane gate at the end of the day.** We understand that some users of this gate are not to blame and we are sorry that you may be inconvenienced by this. Sadly, we do not see any alternative. **It is only a matter of time before there is another serious incident on this road.** If we do have to take this step, it means that the bottleneck we used to see around the infant school playground will be back and that will impact on everyone.

"But where else can I park?" That is what we often hear when we talk to parents and carers about this. The answer to that is there are lots of options a bit further away from school. Get here early, park a few minutes' walk away and enjoy the health benefits that brings for you and your child, knowing that you are doing your bit to keep our children safe. **If you continue to park illegally and/or inconsiderately, you are prioritising your own convenience over our children's safety.** We reserve the right to take photos and videos of offending vehicles and send them to the police. Finally, thank you so much to everyone who gets it, who walks to school if they live close enough or parks further away and walks in. You are doing your bit for our children's safety. We are sorry to have to write in this tone.

## TOILETS

Regrettably, for safeguarding reasons, we are unable to allow parents/carers or younger siblings to use our toilets at the start or end of the day. Please do not ask at the office as this request will be declined.

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

We are holding an Easter egg competition on Thursday 21st March. Please see the last page for details.

## HOLI

Next Friday, we are celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi and we will have a non-uniform day. Children are invited to wear bright colours.

## CYBERBULLYING

On the next page you will see a parents' guide to cyberbullying. A lot of children suffer in silence. Please help us to ensure that your child knows they can speak up if they are worried or upset about anything.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Mar	Book fair in school
Tue 19 & Wed 20 Mar	Parents' evenings
Thu 21 Mar	Easter egg competition
Fri 22 Mar	Non-uniform day
Fri 22 Mar (optional 1.10pm finish)	Break up for Easter holiday
Mon 8 Apr	School reopens
Thu 11 Apr, 9.00am	Year 3 reading workshop
Wed 1 May	Year 5 visit to Cadbury World
Mon 6 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Mon 13 - Thu 16 May	Year 6 SATs week

## UNICEF RIGHT OF THE WEEK

Article 28: Governments should make sure children can get an education without it costing their family money.

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Martha	4B: Jordan	5A: Brylie	6IS: Richmond
3L: Limazah	4F: Zayd	5KP: Maksym	6MS: Amira
3P: Isaac	4L: Antonia	5P: Jessica	6SM: Alfie
3W: Gurpal			

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Franklin (3L)  
Year 4: Harrison (4L)  
Year 5: Parker (5P)  
Year 6: Logan (6MS)

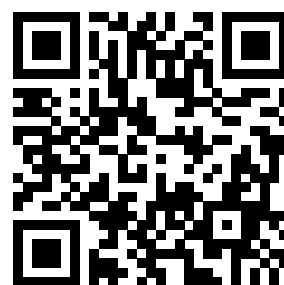
## TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Malala	893
2.	Team Lewis	857
3.	Team Cadbury	823
4.	Team Zephaniah	811

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### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



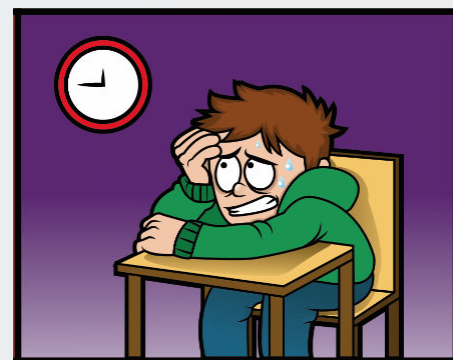
scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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## Beeches Eggstraordinary Egg Competition

It's time for the children to get eggcited about our eggcellent Easter egg competition!



This year, our competition has a theme: **Eggquality!** Your entry will need to be linked to equality in some way. It could show a famous person or group of people who played a big historical role in equality. It could depict a Pride march. It could be a scene from our school, showing that we welcome and value everyone. It's up to your imagination!



Children are invited to decorate an egg (or a collection of eggs) and bring it to school. Eggs can be blown or hard-boiled, or you could make a papier-mâché egg. They can be turned into characters or made into a scene.



There will be prizes for all who take part and there will be star prizes for the best in each year group !



All entries to arrive at school on Thursday 21st March via the main hall from 8.30am onwards.



Don't forget to write your **name** and **class** on your creation.



So lets get cracking and make something speggtacular!

