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Tuesday 11th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are some upcoming events, dates for your diary and pertinent information about smart phone use and concerns.

Free School Dinners

Please see this link to see if your child is eligible for free school dinner.

[Link.](#)

Transition Crich Project. Resources needed!

For this community-based project, we have organised three intergenerational creative recycling sessions for the children. We have already asked for children to bring in old boots or shoes for the 'plant a shoe' activity. Transition Crich organisers have also asked for any old worn-out phone charging cables (wire needed for the artwork) and any yellow material/old clothes that can be recycled into bunting for Crich open gardens at the end of June. Please bring any of these to school!

Also please see the flyer about an interesting and important residents meeting to discuss your local energy needs and how these will be met in the future. [Link](#)

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PTFA school disco.

The Easter disco will be on Wednesday 26th March from 6:45 till 8:15pm.
Tickets are £5, please bring the money in a named envelope into school.

[See poster.](#)

PTFA cake sale.

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED

On Saturday 29th March the PTFA will be selling cakes outside HUBS on the marketplace from 8 o'clock..

Please channel your inner Mary Berry and help us raise money for the school PTFA.

Donate what you can, be it homemade or shop brought, we aren't fussy!
We ask all donations to be in school by drop off on Friday 28th March.

Many thanks

Crich Infant and Junior PTFA [See Poster](#)

Smart phone free school meeting.

Reminder-I encourage you all to sign up for this important meeting about smartphones and screens, and the dangers they bring to our children. Our previous newsletter on this event contains lots of information on this subject.

[Click Here.](#)

If you would like to book a place, please use this [booking form](#).

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Whatsapp Concerns.

We have had several parents raising concerns around the use of whats app groups used by our school children on their own phones.

Firstly, that their children are constantly being joined to new groups, some of which contain many members, and with some members not known to themselves. To avoid this please follow this simple process below.

How to restrict being added in WhatsApp group?

1. Open WhatsApp on your Android smartphone and tap the vertical three-dots icon on the top-right.
2. Next, tap Settings > Account > Privacy.
3. Now tap Groups and select one of the three given options — Everyone, My Contacts, or My Contacts Except...
4. If you select Everyone, anyone can add you to groups.

Please note that whatsapp is intended for the 16+ age group.

Secondly, I have seen numerous group messages involving our children which contain inappropriate comments, some of a sexual and a racist nature, swearing, derogatory comments and threats.

Mostly I would describe it as bullying, with the worst comments coming from older children. I would describe using the app without any parental regulation as a “Lord of the Flies” community, and often the name calling continues at school. Children are being bullied into accepting group invites, then being blocked or removed out of spite, and I have seen threats to tell their friends things about them if they don’t comply with some sort of action. I will contact individual families about these concerns. If you see any inappropriate comments on your child’s phone, please contact school, and use screens shots when necessary.

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Dates for Diary.

Friday 14th March Good work Assembly.

Monday 24th March Gladiator visit.

Wednesday 26th March Easter Disco.

Wednesday 2nd April Metacognition Day and SmartPhone Free
School/Childhood meeting

Friday 4th April Good work Assembly and break up for Easter holidays.

Tuesday 22nd April first day back.

Wednesday 23rd April Earth Day Metacognition Day.

Monday 12th-Thursday 15th May SAT's week.

Friday 23rd May Half term break

Monday 2nd June First day back

Finally, you have probably already heard that we are being visited by one of the stars of the Gladiator TV programme, Steel, on 24th March. The children will receive a signed poster from the Gladiator and I'm sure will have much to ask him.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Orridge

Headteacher

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