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TO BE...**

**Coleshill CE Primary**

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## WELCOME BACK TO SPRING TERM

Welcome back everyone to a new half term and the run up to Easter. We're looking forward to a great few weeks with one of the highlights being the completion of Y1's new classroom.

Our builders are just putting the final touches to the works and they look set to beat their projected handover date of 15th March. Miss Blake and her children are very excited about their imminent move and will be moving in as soon as we get the green light.



Thank you to pupils and parents for your patience during the building work and the disruptions we have had as a result.

### Dates for your Diary

World Book Day	7th March
Y1 Phonics Parents Info	7th March 2.30 & 5.45
Comic Relief	15th March
Mothers Day Assembly (Y1 9.10am & Y2 2.45pm)	27th March
Mothers Day Assembly Reception	28th March 2.45pm
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>22nd July</b>

## ASTHMA AWARENESS

We have recently renewed our staff training in "Asthma Awareness" and need to update our records of children who have inhalers in school.

We have a new Asthma plan form for any children who use an inhaler. **It is essential that all children who use an inhaler update to this new forms.** If your child has an inhaler please call in at the office or contact school for a form which we ask you to return to us so that we can update our Asthma register.

Thank you.



### Attendance

w/c 11/2/19, No of children who achieved 100% for the week

RL	17
RW	17
1J	19
1B	17
2R	25
2O	19
3BM	26
3R	27
4B	24
4C	23
5JG	26
5G	25
6F	19
6J	28

Whole School so far this year 94.98

**TARGET: 96.1**

### Missing Jumpers

We have had several jumpers go missing recently which have had pupil's names in them. When these don't turn up in lost property, it is usually because another child has unwittingly put them on and gone home in them. Please check jumpers for names other than your own children and return any that you may find to your child's class teacher. Many thanks.

## ROAD SAFETY WARNING

We have had two shocking incidents on the roads around the school this week.

One a near miss occurred when a young child ran onto Wingfield Road and fortunately the passing car was able to stop.

Then yesterday one of our older children was hit by a car at the top of Wingfield Road near the junction. We are very, very grateful that the child involved was not seriously hurt and was able to be dis-

charged by the ambulance crew at the scene. However this was hugely distressing for the pupil, their family and friends.

Please, please be vigilant and take care when crossing and walking by the roads on your way to and from school. Use George's crossing and stay safe!

The Warwickshire Police will soon be attending school to revisit road safety with our children.



### \*\*\*ONLINE SAFETY WARNING—PLEASE READ\*\*\*

## MOMO, WhatsApp - Worldwide Police Reaction

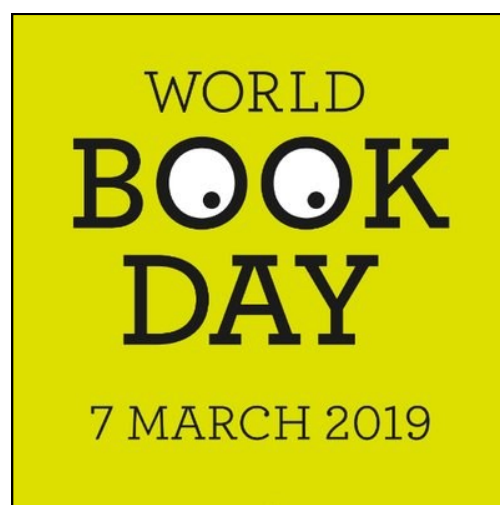
This weekend schools and parents everywhere were shocked by the self harm App 'MOMO'. Again, Facebook is in the eye of the storm as 7 year old kids are being told via WhatsApp to self harm themselves or be cursed by the very scary MOMO. Facebook own both Instagram and WhatsApp. 2 weeks ago Facebook announced they would 'take down' self-harm content on Instagram.

*[Extract from Online safety report 27.02.19]*

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR A POSTER GIVING MORE INFORMATION. IMAGES HAVE BEEN PIXELLED OUT AS THEY ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR SMALL CHILDREN TO VIEW.**

**For more information please click here** <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

## Celebrating Success



### Y3 SWIMMING

Class 3BM will be swimming next week.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

# What parents need to know about MOMO

## CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

## DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

## SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



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Safety**

# Top Tips for Parents

## TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

## BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

## TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

## DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

## PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

## REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

## REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

## FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is  
0800 1111.



**SHARE  
A STORY**

**for 10  
minutes  
today**



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

**World Book Day**  
**Thursday 7th March 2019**

## **A Very Fishy Tale**

### **Fish Finger Bap**

Served with optional salad and Marie Rose sauce  
**or**

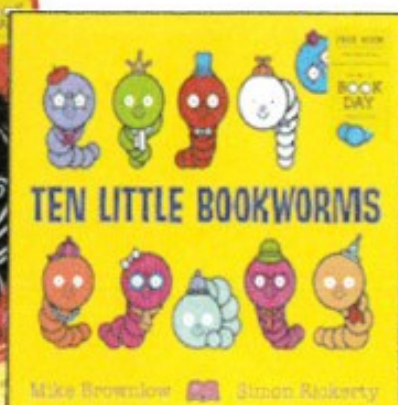
### **(v) Ten Little Bookworms Favourite Lunch**

Oodles of twisty pasta in a rich tomato sauce

**served with**

Baked Potato Wedge Rockets and  
Vegetables and Salad from the  
Gardens of Wonderland

**(v) Swirly Strawberry Mousse or  
(v) Cruella and Cadpig's Homemade  
Vanilla Krispy Bar**





## Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day Tuesday 5th March

**Shrove Tuesday** (also known as Pancake Day) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The day is known for the eating of pancakes before the start of Lent. Pancakes are eaten as they are a way of using up sugar, fat, flour and eggs, the consumption of which was traditionally restricted during the fasting associated with Lent.

**Today's  
Lunch Menu  
will feature  
Pancakes  
with a variety  
of toppings  
for dessert**

