



May 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

This half-term has really flown past and we are really proud with how hard the children have worked towards their learning. Our character focus for this half term has been based on how our pupils need to take responsibility for how they flourish. It has been great seeing pupils stepping up to do this and taking more ownership towards their learning and their actions in school, and hopefully at home too!

It has been a jam-packed half-term with a range of experiences happening for children across the school. Most pupils have taken part in specific sport events including cricket tournaments, sport festivals, expert-led dance sessions and forest school lessons. All classes are also coming to the end of a science experience. Year 3 visited the zoo to support with their learning and Year 5 had returned to their class one morning to find Polish chick eggs they had been incubating had hatched – they are now in the early stages of caring for 4 little chicks – they are super egg-cited!

Year 6 have made us particularly proud this half-term. They took part in their SATs assessments along with all other children their age across the country. Their attitude and determination to do the best that they can do was truly inspiring – and that is everything we can ask from them. Year 6 spent this last week on their residential in Lynmouth, North Devon. Again, we are proud with their willingness to take themselves out of the comfort zones and support each other through their challenges.

We hope that you have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! We look forward to seeing the children back on Thursday 9th June.

With best wishes,

Ben Nelson-Smith Headteacher



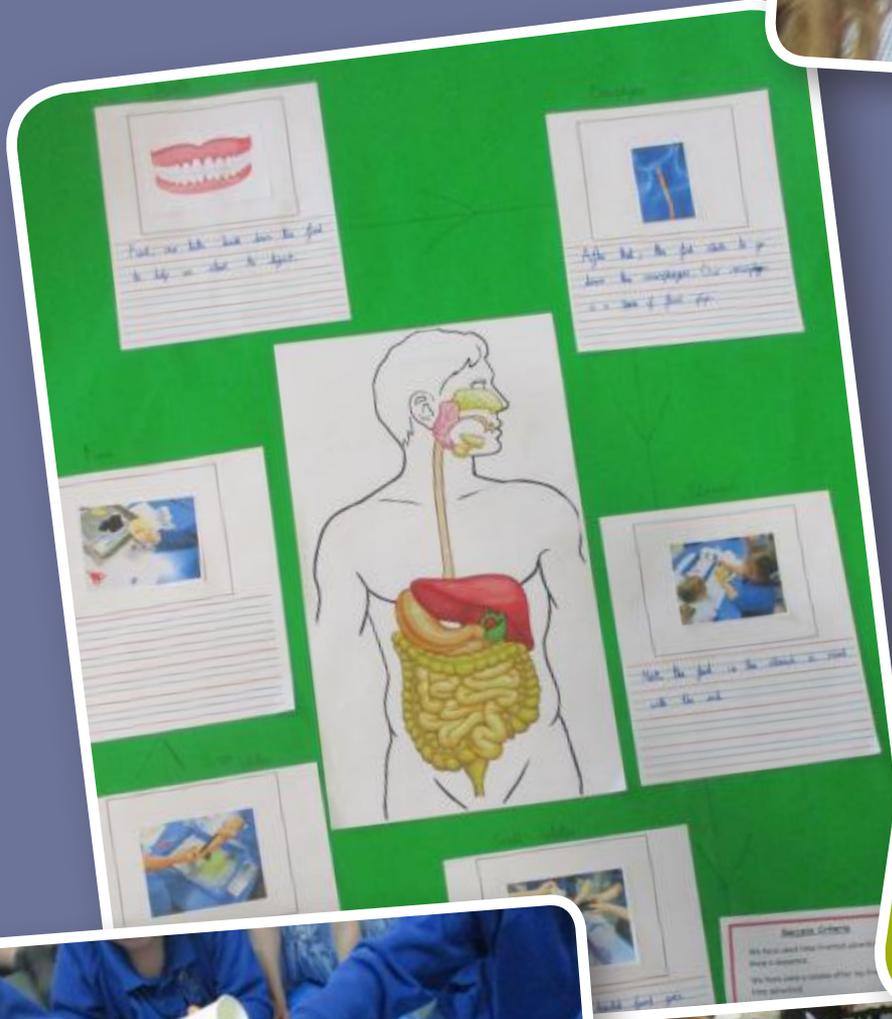
Reception



In Year Four, the children have been learning about the digestive system. The children have set up and conducted a scientific enquiry to observe how our bodies digest food.

The enquiry was rather messy – the children used orange juice (stomach acid), water (saliva) crackers, bananas (food), tights (intestines) and paper cups (for waste) to mimic the actions of the digestive system.

At the end of the journey, the children produced a breakdown diagram to show and explain the function of each muscle/organ in the digestive system. The children worked in teams and were each given a role to develop their ability to work collaboratively.



Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 pupils spent the last week of the half-term at the Beacon Centre in North Devon as part of their residential. After 2 years, it was great to see the residential back in action.

The pupils were a credit to the school and fully engaged with all aspects that we hope a residential will deliver: taking on new challenges, persevering, taking themselves out of their comfort zone and further developing their independence.

The pupils took part in a range of activities including high/low ropes, orienteering, coastal walking, bushcraft, bonfires and a 130m zip wire over a 50m drop over a valley.

It was great to see everyone give it a go and accomplish new achievements and fears.





FANCY DRESS
JUBILEE THEME
'BEST IN SHOW'



SUMMER FAYRE JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Saturday 2nd July 12.00 – 16.00

COLLATON ST MARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tickets 50p per person

Live Music From
Dean13



Fire Engine Visit

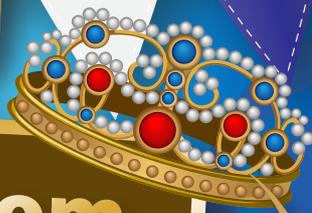
Free Parking

Football Shootout Bar

Stocks Cream Teas

Bouncy Castle

Street Food **BBQ**





LIKEE (formally known as LIKE) is a free video creation and editing app similar to TikTok. It has a global community of over 200 million users who can create any type of video, add their own special effects and then upload and share them with the world. The app is largely used to create short music videos which users can star in and edit anyway they want using the "Magic Video Maker." Users share their videos on the platform as well as having the option to share across other social media outlets such as Facebook and Instagram. Due to the suggestive content that is available on the app, it has a recommended age of 16+, although the app store rate it as 17+.



What parents need to know about

LIKEE



ALL VIDEOS ARE PUBLIC



All user profiles on LIKEE are public which means that every video that is uploaded can be viewed by anyone. This is a privacy setting which can't be changed. In addition, on creating an account, anybody who views your child's video can also download, save and share them, albeit this is a feature which can be turned off. Nonetheless, this places your child's privacy at risk given they can't control who is viewing their videos and potentially sharing them elsewhere.

SEXUAL PREDATORS AND BULLYING

Once a video has been uploaded and shared on LIKEE, anybody can comment on it. There have been reports of sexually suggestive comments made towards children, opening the door to potential child grooming and/or child sexual exploitation risks. Similarly, children may be vulnerable to derogatory or abusive language which could escalate into harassment or bullying.



ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

In a Facebook post from April 2019, LIKEE admitted to banning over 400 accounts during a 6 day period due to matters relating to harassment, fraud, pornographic material, violence, gambling and terrorism. There are no safe search features on the app which means there is a chance your child could potentially watch mature or inappropriate content with relative ease.



EASY FOR MINORS TO SET-UP

Despite the recommended age limit of 16, there are no verification measures in place to help restrict access. Setting up a profile is extremely easy and all that is required is access to a mobile phone. This is a concern for young children who have limited knowledge of how to stay safe online.



PRIVATE MESSAGING



As well as being able to comment publicly, LIKEE also allows users to private message one another. This again opens the door for strangers to contact your child online and build a relationship, this time without being seen. There have been reported cases of sexual grooming and children receiving requests to send inappropriate images via direct message.

DESIGNS TO INCREASE APP USAGE

The more your child engages with the app, the more 'Exp.' they can earn. This in turn can help them achieve higher levels and unlock Privileges to enhance their videos. Similarly, the Leaderboard feature within the app rewards users that receive the most likes every day, again encouraging children to produce more content. Both of these features could contribute towards increased screen time for your child.



ABILITY TO STREAM VIDEOS LIVE

Once a user has achieved a certain level, LIKEE grants them access to stream their videos live with viewers able to engage and post comments as the video is running. This means your child could receive harmful or upsetting comments during a live recording with no filter, as well as viewing other users live streams, which may contain inappropriate or disturbing content.



IN-APP PURCHASES

LIKEE also has a Wallet feature in which users can earn beans during special LIVE events or during their own live streams. They can also purchase diamonds directly from the app for anything between 99p and £99.99, with one tap and one confirmation screen, potentially costing the bill payer a lot of money.



Top Tips For Parents

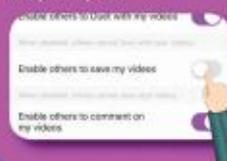
1 DISABLE OR RESTRICT PRIVATE MESSAGING

The ability to private message one another on LIKEE means that your child could receive messages or media from complete strangers and potentially engage in conversations with people they don't know. In the privacy settings, this feature can be disabled or set to just friends allowing a degree of control over who can privately contact your child.



2 DISABLE ABILITY FOR OTHERS TO SAVE YOUR VIDEOS

Saving and sharing your child's videos to their own device means that anyone could upload and share those videos whenever and wherever they like, without your permission. You can disable this feature in your child's profile settings via the privacy tab.



3 TURN OFF COMMENTS IN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The public nature of LIKEE means that anybody can comment on your child's videos. Whilst many users may be positive and supportive of what your child is doing online, others may be critical or quite nasty. If you are worried about other users and what they may say, you can completely disable comments within the app's privacy settings.



4 BLOCK USERS WHO HARASS, BULLY AND OFFEND

If you are concerned about your child being harassed, bullied or receiving persistent offensive comments from specific users, you can 'block' these individuals. This can be done on the offenders users profile page. Once blocked, the ability to comment on your child's video or private message will be removed although videos will still remain visible.



5 TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Talking to your child about staying safe online will help them stay alert to any potential dangers and give them a more enjoyable experience. Learning how to report inappropriate content and discussing this with your child may ensure they recognise anything malicious and become more vigilant whilst using the app. Similarly, discussing what is acceptable and setting limits on what can and can't be posted online may help to ensure your child avoids any unwanted pitfalls.

6 STICK TO THE RECOMMENDED AGE LIMIT

LIKEE suggest that the recommended age limit for the app is 16+. Reviews of the app suggest that users may post mature or sexually provocative material which isn't tightly regulated and could be accessed or accidentally viewed by your child. Ensuring you adhere to the age limit and encouraging your child to be open about what they're viewing will help you keep an eye on what content your child is coming across on the app.



Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



Collaton St Mary Primary School Diary Dates 2022

Monday 30th May -
Wednesday 8th June Inclusive

Half Term Break

Tuesday 14th June

School Photos

Monday 20th June

Science in School Day

Tuesday 21st June

Sports Day

Sunday 26th June

THHN Children's Half Marathon

Tuesday 28th June

Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 29th June –
Thursday 30th June Inclusive

Year 5 Residential Trip

Saturday 2nd July

Summer Fayre

Wednesday 13th July

Year 4 Explorer Dome Experience

Wednesday 13th July

New Starters Teddy Bear Picnic

Collaton Attendance May 2022

Whole School	93.69%
Year R	94.58 %
Year 1	93.96%
Year 2	94.09%
Year 3	91.16%
Year 4	94.22%
Year 5	94.50%
Year 6	93.43%

Well done to **Year R**, our attendance winners for May