

Weekly Word

Care Curiosity Determination



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To all Parents/Carers,

I had my Weekly Word all written and ready to go last night and I was about to send it to the office when I was introduced to [SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD](#) at a Headteacher Briefing this morning. Such were the powerful messages that were delivered, I deleted what I had written and thought I would introduce you to what is fast becoming a growing movement in Derby City and across the country.

The best advice I can give you today is visit the website by clicking on the links above. There you will find a whole host of resources, videos, testimonies and statistics which may or may not encourage us all to think about how much children engage with their smartphones. Some of you with younger children would be forgiven for thinking, 'my child is only in Y2, I don't have to worry about that just yet' but the data and research that has been collected over the last 18 months or so would suggest otherwise.

At this stage I would just ask you to have a look at the website and reflect on what you read. I am only two hours beyond what I heard at the meeting and already it has made me think both as a Headteacher and a parent. The main speaker at the meeting also recommended this book: [The Anxious Generation](#). Apparently it is a fantastic insight into children, smartphones and the data behind it all. There is also a growing number of parents/carers buying **these** for their children in an attempt to remove everything that a smartphone has to offer (bonus point for remembering what make and model it was!) Anyway, I have said enough for now on this topic but I will definitely revisit it in the near future – perhaps you feel the same way and are worried about the same things? If you have any thoughts on the matter that you would like to share, please drop me an email. One of the main reasons parents/carers are reluctant to take their phones from the children...peer pressure from other parents/carers and worrying about speaking up. One to ponder...



And finally, a huge well done to all of the Y6 children for completing their SATs this week. They were absolutely amazing and we are incredibly proud of every single one of them.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mr Johnson

This week's attendance is 95.8%. Our target for the year is: 97%
The year group(s) with the highest attendance is/are Y6 98.4%