

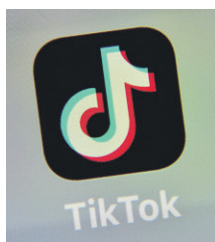
## RIP MAURICE

A noisy rooster whose owner was taken to court in an attempt to hush him up has sadly died. Maurice (pictured below with owner Corinne Fesseau), became famous worldwide when his dawn cock-a-doodle-dos angered his neighbours in western France. They lost their court case and were forced to pay Corinne £900. Maurice passed away due to an infection common to chickens.



## LEARN WITH TIKTOK

TikTok has announced that it wants to help students with their home learning. The social networking service says its new scheme called **#LearnWithTikTok** will mean that students can turn to the app for, among other things, science tutorials, black history, motivational tips, cookery lessons, health and wellbeing advice, stress and anxiety management, LGBT stories and women's history.



## LESS JOE WICKS

Online PE teacher Joe Wicks has revealed he's cutting back on his classes as he needs "a bit of a rest". Joe, who has been teaching virtual PE classes every weekday morning at 9am since the beginning of lockdown, now only does lessons on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.



# QUICK NEWS

TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

## PAINTING PM'S PLANE

Prime Minister Boris Johnson is facing questions from MPs over his decision to spend £900,000 repainting the RAF Voyager plane. The aircraft is used by the royal family and the prime minister to travel around the world. The grey plane will be painted red, white and blue to look more like the Union Jack flag.



## YOUNG STAR SIGNED

Twelve-year-old Keedron Bryant's song about the fears of being a young African-American went viral – and now he's landed a record deal. Warner Records signed Keedron and are releasing his song, *I Just Wanna Live*.



## FLYING BOOKS!

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's that library book you requested. A school librarian from Virginia, USA, has been delivering books to kids in lockdown using drones. Kelly Passek worked with drone service Wing from Google's parent company Alphabet to deliver library books to children this summer. Her books are now, literally, flying off the shelves!

## COVID-19 IN SEWAGE

Italian scientists have found traces of COVID-19 in sewage water from 18 December last year. It was thought the new coronavirus only arrived in Italy in February, but a new study of waste water from the cities of Turin and Milan found traces of the disease much earlier. Other studies have found similar results: in Spain, scientists discovered virus traces in sewage collected in mid-January, while in France tests found a patient had COVID-19 as early as 27 December.

## WE CAN'T SEE YOUR FACE MASKS

Charities that support deaf people are calling for transparent face masks to be used more often. Face coverings used during the pandemic make it difficult for the 12 million people in the UK with hearing loss to communicate. Face shields – clear plastic visors that cover the face – are a safe way of allowing people who are deaf to lip-read. The KidSafe Visor, made by StaySafe, is one product that has been made to help solve the problem.

## PREHISTORIC FIND

Archaeologists have discovered a 4,500-year-old, 1.2 mile-long circle of shafts near Stonehenge. The ancient structure is believed to have either helped guide people to the Durrington Walls henge (below), which is at the centre of the circle of shafts – or warned people against entering it.



## ATTACK IN READING

An attack in Reading left three people dead last weekend. Several others were wounded in the incident at a local park. The three killed have been named as James Furlong, David Wails and Joe Ritchie-Bennett. The police are treating the attack as a terrorist incident. As First News went to press, a 25-year-old Libyan man had been arrested and was being questioned. A minute's silence for the victims was held on Monday. Remember, events like this are very rare.



## TRACK AND TRACE TROUBLE

The Government has scrapped plans to build its own app to track the spread of COVID-19, after it failed to work properly on iPhones. The app was announced as a key part of the UK's tracing system. The Government has decided that it will work with Google and Apple, now, on a new track and trace app, similar to ones being used in other countries.

## LONGITUDE EXPLORER PRIZE

The online vote is open to have your say in who wins this year's Longitude Explorer Prize People's Choice Award. A prize of £5,000 goes to the school or youth group that has the best tech solution to the biggest challenges of today. There is now a shortlist of 39 entries to choose from at [longitudeexplorer.challenges.org](https://longitudeexplorer.challenges.org) where you can see all the finalists' ideas – and cast your vote.



## THE TRUMPS ON ALIENS

In an interview with his son, Donald Junior, Donald Trump has admitted to hearing "interesting" things about aliens and UFOs during his presidency. Donald Trump Jr. asked: "Before you leave office, will you let us know if there are aliens?" Trump senior responded: "I won't talk to you about what I know about it, but it's very interesting."