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Dates for your diary.

7.12.2020

Photo online ordering deadline

10.12.2020

Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Day

11.12.2020

Last date to end in Christmas Cards

14.12.2020

Flu immunisations



Newsletter: Friday 4th December 2020

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

As you know, we have made considerable improvements to our school building over the last few years. We want to ensure that the school is in an excellent condition for the children and in a beautiful decorative order. Next on our list for improvements is to make upgrades to all of our toilet blocks. We have four blocks in total. The first to be refurbished is the year 5 and 6 block. Work is due to start on Monday 7th December. You will have noticed the temporary toilets we have positioned in the playground. It is vital that children are not allowed to play on or in these blocks and that adults do not enter them either. They are strictly for the use of the children in years 5 and 6 as we have to comply with covid security measures. We anticipate that the work to the toilets will last until the end of March. The project has been delayed due to coronavirus, but we are hopeful that the work will still be able to be completed in the desired timeframe. We know it will be disruptive to the children, and we will obviously try to limit this as much as possible. Not only are the toilets having an upgrade, but they are also being completely remodelled and repositioned. This means that all cloakrooms will also be out of use while the works are continuing. Children will be asked to store their coats and bags in their classrooms. Please try to limit what your child is bringing to school

during this time—please only allow them to bring items that are absolutely essential (water bottle and book bag) This will help keep classrooms safe and as clutter-free as possible. Thank you, and we look forward to sharing photos of the improvements with you once they are all complete.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A quick reminder that we will be eating Christmas dinner in school next Thursday, 10th. Thank you to everyone for giving the menu choice to Mrs Gough. We are sure it will be a lovely day—a reminder that children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper or party clothes.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Many thanks to the many, many parents who are consistently doing all they can to keep our school community safe. What felt like such an inconvenience at first now feels like a normal way of life. Can I politely remind people of the different sides to queue up for collection. The **left hand side** of the gate is for children in **Key stage 1 (i.e years 1 and 2)** The **right hand side** of the gate is for the parents of children in **KS2 (years 3,4,5,6)** and the **Early Years Foundation stage. (Nursery and Reception)** If you could please stick to the correct side for lining up, as the right hand queue is getting very long, and every day we have people who push to the front, ignoring those who have been queuing for a long time. Thanks for your consideration.

Prayers for the second Sunday of advent:

John the Baptist asks us to get ready for Jesus and so we pray together for God's help:

We pray for all people around the world who are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus: that we may not forget those who need our help at this special time. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for all people who are poor, hungry, sick or alone: that they may be filled with the joy and peace of Christ. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish community, family and friends: that we may be kind and generous to others as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: Generous God, as we prepare for the coming of your Son Jesus, help us to remember all our brothers and sisters in our global family and to share your love with them. Amen.



	Star 1	Star 2
Year R	Parker	Marlie
Year 1	Nellie	Chloe
Year 2	Belle-Lorna	Ellie
Year 3	Aishatou	Brooklyn
Year 4	Harry	Wiktorja
Year 5	Kacper	Rose
Year 6	Eliana	Montreal

Well done to all of our amazing stars. We are so proud of you!

Happy birthday to all of the children who celebrated a birthday this week:

Danniella, Adley

**Our
'Lining up Legends'**



**Year
6**



'The secret of getting ahead is getting started'.



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Online Safety Newsletter

December 2020

Twitch

Twitch is a live video game website. Users can search for a game and then watch the game being played live (or via playback) by another user. You should be 13+ to access Twitch, although according to their Terms of Service, users between the ages of 13 and 18 may use Twitch under the supervision of a parent or guardian.

As you can search for any game, your child might end up watching games that are not age appropriate, for example Call of Duty (18+). Twitch also streams live which means it is difficult to censor the chat so they may also hear unsuitable language.

Privacy Settings

Set up appropriate privacy settings for your child, including switching off messages from users your child does not follow. You can learn more here: <https://help.twitch.tv/s/article/twitch-account-settings#securityandprivacy>

Chat

Twitch gives users the opportunity to interact with others through the chat facilities. Whilst Twitch set out what their standards are, language can be mature plus they could potentially be chatting with people they don't know.

Block users

Ensure your child knows how to block or report users and content when using this service. More information can be found here: <https://help.twitch.tv/s/article/how-to-file-a-user-report>

More support/information

- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/twitch/>

Among Us!

What is Among Us?

Among Us is free to download and is rated 9+ by the App Store due to infrequent/mild horror/fear themes and infrequent/mild cartoon or fantasy violence. You play with 4 – 10 players whose task is to prep their spaceship by completing a series of tasks. However, one of the crew is an imposter who is trying to sabotage the game and kill the other crew members.



What do I need to be aware of?

In-app purchases - In app purchase are available priced from £1.99 - £2.99.

Play privately – games can either be played publicly or privately. To just play with people you know, set it to "private" and share the room code with them (this is the safer option).

Chat facility - If your child is playing a 'public' game (or even in a private room with people they don't know) then due to the chat facility, they may meet and chat with people which always creates an element of risk.

Inappropriate behaviour - If someone is being rude, then only the host can ban that player from the room so you are reliant on the host.

Parental Controls

There is the ability to censor chat to filter bad words out (although there may be words that get through the filter)

Further information

You can read more about Among Us here:

- <https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews/among-us>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/is-among-us-multiplayer-game-safe-for-children/>



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TikTok

Direct messaging

What is TikTok?

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

Users can watch musical clips, record 60 second clips (it includes lots of lip synching and dancing), edit them and add special effects.



Is your child using TikTok?

TikTok have created their top 10 Tips for you, which provides a really useful overview of settings to make TikTok a safer environment:

<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/tiktoks-top-10-tips-for-parents>

Privacy settings

Find out about TikTok's privacy settings and choose the most appropriate for your child. It is safer for an account to be set to private (therefore only people your child chooses to accept can follow them) although you would still need to talk to your child about only accepting requests from people they know in real life. You can also set whether or not people can comment on their content.

Reporting

As with any app/website your child is using to interact with others, ensure that they know how to delete, report or block another user as well as know how to report any inappropriate content that they come across:

- <https://support.tiktok.com/sv/privacy-safety/block-accounts-sv>
- <https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/report-inappropriate-content-default>

Direct messaging/commenting

TikTok has a direct messaging element so users can chat to each other (TikTok now automatically disables Direct Messages for registered accounts under the age of 16) as well as the ability to comment on each other's content.

There is a risk on TikTok that cyberbullying can occur, or a user can receive unwanted attention from a stranger. TikTok have produced this list of available settings to reduce the risk of this happening

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully?lang=en>. It is important that your child understands that if they come across anything that they don't like or makes them feel uncomfortable then they should speak to you or another trusted adult.

Family safety mode

TikTok have created Family Pairing to help you keep your child safe whilst using TikTok. Family Pairing allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account.

Further information

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully>

Sharing videos and images

Net Aware have produced the following article to help those who may be worried about their child sharing videos and images online through apps like TikTok and Snapchat.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-i-be-worried-about-my-child-sharing-videos-and-images-online2/>

WhatsApp: disappearing messages

WhatsApp have introduced disappearing messages. If enabled, a user can send a message that will disappear after seven days. WhatsApp advise users to only use disappearing messages with trusted individuals because of the risks of sending disappearing messages. For example, users are still able to take a screenshot of a disappearing message before it disappears and then share with others.

You can find out more information here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/general/chats/about-disappearing-messages>

Monitoring Apps

Would you like to monitor what your child is doing online? The best app to use will be dependent on what devices your child is using but this helpful article from Internet Matters reviews the top monitoring apps for you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>