



Family Newsletter



Friday 16th December 2022

Dates for the Diary

School Dinner Menu

Week 1 on Wednesday 4th

January 2023

Wednesday 4th January 2023

All children back to school

WC 16th January

Road Safety Year 5

Tuesday 24th January 2023

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful last week of term in school. It really is the most magical time in school with the children and every year we feel very fortunate to be able to enjoy a range of Christmas events with them. This week we headed off to the panto, enjoyed Christmas dinners and singing around the tree. In classes, the children have continued to work hard but with some Christmas activities woven through the curriculum this week.

Our Christmas Community Shop has been a huge success and we have been overwhelmed with how this has been able to support so many people. The community shop will continue in the new year and we have secured some further sponsorship which will see us expand the items available to include weekly shopping essentials as well as new uniform and clothing items.

Your child has come home with an interim report this week. This is something that we will share with you each term moving forward so that you can see how your child is doing in Reading, Writing and Maths throughout the year. There will be a full, face-to-face parents evening at the end of the spring term to discuss your child's progress.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday 4th January.

Mrs. Jones

Attendance

Well done to the 140 children who despite a range of winter viruses circulating, maintained a good level of attendance this term of 96% or more.

Well done to our competition winners

1st - Immarni C

2nd—Ryder B

3rd—Jacob J

New Devices for Christmas?

Many of our children will be receiving new online devices for Christmas such as mobile phones, computers and tablets. Attached to the newsletter this week is a helpful guide from National Online Safety on managing online settings so that you are in control of what your child is accessing online. If you need further support with any aspect on online safety, please speak to a member of our pastoral team.

Attendance—Autumn Term 2022

3D - 93.71%

3J— 93.98%

4C— 92.28%

4IO— 92.18%

5O - 93.45%

5W— 92.53%

6J - 93.36%

6N— 93.98%

6W - 92.99%



FSM Vouchers

Those who are entitled to vouchers over the holidays should have received their vouchers today (Friday 16th December) if you have not received these, please contact Mrs Jones via Weduc.

LOVE

INTEGRITY

GENEROSITY

HOPE

THANKFULNESS

SERVICE

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to PlayStation.com and search 'family account' for instructions.

DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

Meet Our Expert

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