



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday, 17th November - Children in Need

Children may come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.00 for Children in Need. Please make sure that children are dressed in suitably warm clothes for this time of year.



Friday, 17th November - Inspire Day 'Diwali'

Our next Inspire Day is on Friday, 17th November and we will be learning about Diwali, the Festival of Light. Parents and carers are invited to visit their child's class from 3.00 to 3.20pm to see some of the children's work. You are then asked to leave the classroom at 3.20pm and wait on the playground for the children to be dismissed at 3.25pm.

Week Commencing 20th November - New Fledglings School Tours

Parents, carers and their children who are due to start school in September 2024, are warmly invited to visit and have a tour of the school. Appointments are available throughout the week. If you, or anyone you know, has a child starting school in September 2024 please encourage them to visit the school. Appointments can be made by calling 01304 611360.

Monday, 20th November - Friendly Football Match Home to Sandwich Junior School Kick-off at 3.30pm

Wednesday, 22nd November - Parent Meeting 'Early Reading' at 2.50pm in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children who are in Fledglings, Year 1 or 2 are invited to join us on Wednesday where we will show you how we teach reading in school from Reception through to Year 2 - 'Early Reading'. We will talk about Read, Write Inc. and how you can support your child at home with reading taught in school.

Friday, 24th November - Year 5 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents, carers and family of children in Year 5 are invited to join us for their family worship.

RECEPTION 2024 SCHOOL TOURS

20th to 24th November

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2024 are warmly invited to attend a school tour week commencing 20th November. For further information and to book a tour please call 01304 611360.

PTFA News

PTFA Meeting - Thursday, 16th November (rescheduled from 9th November)

Parents, carers, family and friends are invited to join us for our next meeting which will be held this evening at 7.30pm at The Five Bells, Eastry.



Christmas Gift Shop - Week Commencing 27th November

Our next PTFA event will be our Christmas Gift shop which runs during week commencing 27th November. We will be selling and wrapping small gifts costing between 50p to £3.50 in the school library during lunchtimes for children to purchase for parents, grandparents and other family members. Helpers are needed to run this fun event. If you are free any day from 27th November to 1st December between 12noon to 1.00pm we would love to hear from you. Please email eastrypta@gmail.com or let the school office know.



Christmas Discos - Friday, 1st December

Our Christmas Disco's will be on Friday, 1st December. The Fledglings, Year 1 & 2 disco will run from 3.30 to 4.30pm and Year 3 to 6 from 4.45 to 5.45pm. Tickets cost £2.00 which includes unlimited drinks. Further details will be sent home shortly. If you are able to help at either or both discos please email eastrypta@gmail.com or let the school office know.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner this year will be held on Wednesday, 6th December. A letter was emailed and sent home recently providing further details. Please note that if your child would like a school dinner the reply slip must be returned for **ALL** children **by the morning of Friday, 24th November**. Further copies are available on the school website or from the school office.

INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

YouTube Kids

As you may recall in previous publications we have informed you about YouTube Kids, a safer YouTube channel specifically aimed at children. In this week's School News we have included further information about YouTube Kids which gives advice and information to make this even safer for your child.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Afterschool Clubs

Details of our after school clubs running for term 2 can be found on the school website together with the information needed to apply for a place. These can be found under the 'Clubs' Page on the 'Parent' menu of the school website.

Kind regards

Mr Neil Garvey
Interim Headteacher

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind you that children should not bring nuts, or products containing nuts, in to school as we have children who have nut allergies.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 20.11.2023

MONDAY	
Home Learning Club (3.30-4.00pm)	Yes
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
Netball Club (3.30-4.15pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.35am)	Yes
Multi-Sports Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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