



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday, 16th December - Virtual Parent Open Afternoon

A selection of photographs of your children's learning during Term 2 will be shared with you on Clasdojo during our virtual open afternoon.

Thursday, 16th December - Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday, 4th January - First Day of Term 3

Thursday, 6th January - Year 3 Swimming

Friday, 7th January - Year 4 Class Worship

Parents/carers of children in Year 4 who live with them are invited to join us, socially distance, for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am. (Please remember to wear a face mask.)

THthankyou!**U!**

We would like to pass on our sincere thanks for your support during term 2 and particularly during our recent fundraising for The Children's Society and PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Together we raised £132.21 for The Children's Society through the Christingle.

We also raised £525.00 in the PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle with 14 lucky families winning a beautiful hamper and 1 lucky family winning an amazing chocolate Christmas cake made and donated by Mrs Vickers.



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Clubs for Term 3

We will contact you at the beginning of Term 3 to give you further details regarding clubs for next term. No clubs will run during the first week we return with the exception of Early Morning Club which will start on Tuesday, 4th January.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS



Crib & Carol Service at St. Mary's Church Eastry

You are warmly invited to the Crib and Carol Service to be held at St. Mary's Church Eastry at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

Does your child enjoy drawing?

If they do they may be interested in entering a competition being run by children's author, Andy Huxtable giving them an opportunity to win signed copies of his books, an amazon voucher and an opportunity for their character to feature in his next book. To enter please submit your drawing of a garden character to charlieant@btinternet.com.

INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

12 Online safety tips for New Devices

Please see the attached leaflet produced by National Online Safety which you may find useful should your child receive a new device this Christmas.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 4.1.2022	
MONDAY	
	No
TUESDAY	
	No
WEDNESDAY	
	No
THURSDAY	
	No
	No
FRIDAY	
	No

The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!



1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD



If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'



This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS



One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE



Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'



Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY



Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS



Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME



Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.

9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES



Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with near-by friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF



It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS



It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK



Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.



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