



# School News

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Thursday, 15th December - Open Classrooms 3.00 to 3.20pm

Parents and carers are invited to visit their child's class from 3.00 to 3.20pm to see some of the work they have done this term. 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

### Thursday, 15th December - Last Day of Term 2

### Friday, 16th December - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

### Tuesday, 3rd January - First Day of Term 3

### Tuesday, 3rd January - First Aid course for Parents/Carers 1.15 to 3.15pm in the School Hall

We have arranged a free first aid course for parents to take place in Term 3. The course will run for 3 weeks on Tuesday afternoons from 1.15pm to 3.15pm on 3rd, 10th and 17th January. If you would like a place please let Mrs Inglis or the school office know.

### Thursday, 5th January - Year 3 & 4 attending Epiphany Service at 9.30am at St. Mary's Church Eastry

Parents, carers, family and friends of children in Year 3 & 4 are invited to join us for our Epiphany Service on Thursday, 5th January at St. Mary's Church, Eastry.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Applications for a Place in Reception 2023

Applications for a place in Reception 2023 have now opened. Applications are made on-line at; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>. Please see the attached leaflet for further information regarding the admissions process.

### Early Morning Club - Registration for Term 3 & 4

The register for Early Morning Club for Term 3 & 4 is now open. Please can **ALL PARENTS** let us know if they wish to book any dates for the next two terms by emailing [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk) or telephoning 01304 611360. Places need to be booked and paid for in advance, thank you.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

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We have an Online Safety page on the school website where you can find links and guidance for Parental Settings on device and consoles for your child. This may be particularly helpful this Christmas time should your child be lucky enough to receive a new device. This page can be found under our 'Safeguarding' tab.



### PTFA NEWS

#### Christmas Disco

We are really pleased to announce that the school Disco raised an amazing £735.85. This has enabled the school to order a further new interactive board for another classroom. Thank you to all the efforts of the PTFA in raising so much money for the school for the benefit of all the children.

## INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### 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.

### Lost Property

Following the Christmas Disco and present wrapping service recently, we have a Cath Kidson purse handed in to the office which hasn't been claimed. If you think this is your please ask at the school office.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 2.1.2023

NO CLUBS WILL BE RUNNING FOR FIRST WEEK OF TERM

Thank you for your support during Term 2.

I wish you all a merry and peaceful Christmas, enjoy time with family and friends, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Moss'.

Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher



### Eastry Christmas Services 2022



Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion 10am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols by Candlelight 7pm
Christmas Eve	Children's Crib Service 4 pm Holy Communion 11.30 pm
Christmas Day	Family Communion 10 am
New Year's Day	Benefice Holy Communion 10 am





# 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](http://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

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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