



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 9th February - Last Day of Term 3

Monday, 19th February - INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday, 20th February - First Day of Term 4

Thursday, 22nd February - Year 3 Virtual Volcanoes and Earthquakes Workshop

Friday, 23rd February - Fledglings Class Worship

Parents, carers, family and friends of children in Fledglings are warmly invited to join us for their class worship.

Friday, 23rd February - Cross Country Event at the Duke of York's

PTFA News

Monday, 26th February - PTFA AGM at 5pm in the School Hall

Parents, carers, family and friends are warmly invited to our AGM on Monday, 26th February. We are a small and friendly group of parents who would welcome you to our AGM, to share with you all our achievements this past year and exciting plans for the year ahead.

We hope to see you there!

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Support for Families of Children with SEND

Miss Gillmore, our SENCo, has been working on creating a Padlet for parents of children who have SEND. A Padlet is an online post-it wall where you can find resources, information, tools, comments and links, all in one place, which is easily accessible to all. Miss Gillmore has created a special Eastry School SEND Padlet page which is available via our website, by using the QR code provided or through the following link;

<https://padlet.com/staceygillmore26/eastry-primary-school-send-padlet->



INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Disney +

Some parents and carers may have Disney + at home and, while this is promoted suitable for the whole family, there will be content that isn't appropriate for all children.

This week we have attached a leaflet giving further information about this streaming service together with information about how to make this more secure for the family including tips such as preventing 'auto-play'. We hope you find this helpful!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Clubs for Term 4

Details of clubs running in term 4 were sent home with the children yesterday. Clubs run from the first week back after half term. Please return all consent slips as soon as possible so we can let parent's know if they have been successful in gaining a place at their chosen club. Further copies and information about clubs in term 4 can be found on our clubs page under the 'Parents' tab on the school website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 19.2.24	
MONDAY	
Cheerleading & Dance (3.30-4.15pm)	NO
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
Ballet (3.30-4.10pm)	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	

Cheerleading & Dance

Please note Cheerleading and Dance club will be run by Mrs Wood in Term 4.

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Polite Request

Please can we kindly remind you that if you are sending your child in to school with money it is placed in an envelope clearly marked with their name and what it is for. As you can imagine we are currently taking money for school dinners, sports day, school trips and Early Morning Club and it is very difficult to ensure this is applied correctly without a clear indication of who it is from and what it is for. Thank you for your co-operation.

Kind regards



Mr Neil Garvey
Interim Headteacher

DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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