

# Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School

## Newsletter Friday 24th June



' In the same way, let your light shine  
before others, that they may see your  
good deeds and glorify your Father in  
heaven. '

**Matthew 5:13**

### Highlights of the week

- Year 6 had a fabulous trip to Lockerbie Manor this week – they have made lots of great memories and by all accounts, had a lot of fun!
- We have been awarded GOLD in the National School Games Mark accreditation
- Oak and Willow Class had a Lego workshop linked to their History topic on the Romans. They all enjoyed building Roman structures.



### Gala Netball Tournament:

We will be taking part in the Gala Netball Tournament at Preesall Sports Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. So far our team have won against Pilling St. John's and drawn with Carter's so we are hopeful that they will do well!

The Gala Football Tournament will follow on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### Assessment Week:

Next week is our whole school assessment week where teachers will be completing a series of tests with pupils to measure their progress through the year. This information will then feed into end of year reports which will come home on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### Library poster competition:

Our library monitors have made a great start to ensuring that our school library is kept tidy and well looked after.

Last week they decided that they would like to hold a competition to design a poster to encourage everyone to look after and respect the library and the books within it.

Entry is 50p and three winners will be selected by our library monitors. All winners will receive a prize and their poster will be displayed in the library! Please return your poster entry and 50p to school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### Lunches

Please use the following link for lunch arrangements—

<https://forms.office.com/r/exTQMjtNLL>

### School photo orders:

Please return all photo orders to school by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

### Sports results:

This afternoon we had several sports fixtures; our Year 3/4 and Year 6 football teams played Pilling St John's. Pilling won 7-1 and 1-0 but both teams played well and are preparing for their Gala Football tournament which is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Our Year 6 Netball team played Carter's Charity this afternoon too. They were well matched and the score was 6-6 at the final whistle. The Gala Netball tournament is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### Class structure for next year:

Please see the attached letter regarding the class structure for next year. We will be holding a 'Moving Up' morning for all pupils from Reception to Year 5, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, as Year 6 will be on their high school transition day.

### Year 6 High School Transition Day:

Please note, Year 6 do not come to school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, they will go directly to their high school who should have sent you the relevant information. If your child does not have a high school transition day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, please get in touch with Miss Riding.

### Talent Show:

We hope you can attend our Talent Show next Wednesday at St. Oswald's Parish Hall from 6:00pm. Not only will you see some of our very talented pupils perform, we will also be showcasing some dance and musical items. Pupils from Year 2 and 3 will also be singing one of the songs we have learnt this year as a school.

The Year 6 parents will be selling refreshments, including hot dogs, and there will also be a raffle to raise funds for the end of year family disco/Year 6 prom night.

This is a free event so come along!





## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunowa) 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 Lunowa Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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### Summer Term Events

Monday 27th June —Gala Netball tournament

**Wednesday 29th June—Year 3 and 4 Multi-Skills Competition – Millfield High School**

Wednesday 29th June—Talent Show 6pm St Oswald's Parish Hall

**Friday 1st July -Moving up morning – a half day when your child will spend the morning in their September class**

Monday 4th July—Gala Football tournament

**Wednesday 6th July—Year 5 day at St. Aidan's (arrive at school at 8:45am)**

Thursday 7th July - Head Girl/Head Boy interviews

**Saturday 9th July—Preesall and Knott End Gala—cheerleaders will walk in the procession**

Friday 15th July - Rock Steady concert for pupils and parents

**Friday 15th July—Whole School Family End of Year Party—St Oswald's Parish Hall**

Tuesday 19th July—Fun Dog Show—3:45pm at school \*tbc\*

**Thursday 21st July—Leavers Service / Awards Ceremony at St Oswald's Church, 9am**

Thursday 21st July—School closes 1:30pm

**Monday 5th September—School reopens for Autumn Term**