



INSKIP ST. PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Learning, Loving and Living with Jesus

Keep your roots deep in Jesus Christ the Lord, build your lives on him

and always be thankful. *Colossians 2:7*

Compassion Friendship Respect Forgiveness Trust Thankfulness

Week Beginning Monday 13th March 2023

School will be closed to pupils this Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March due to NEU Industrial Action.

Library Van Visit



The Library Van will be visiting our school this **Friday 17th March**. The van is a lovely way for the children to discover new and exciting books at home. We encourage all of our children to go onto the van and borrow books.



Sing Together

Thank you parents for coming along and supporting our singing last Friday evening, the children were fantastic! We are so proud of you all!

Thank you also to Mrs Hurley and Ms Hennelly for teaching our children the songs they sang and Mrs Langley for her support on the day.

If any parents have any good photographs of Sing Together please would you send them in to the office so we can share them. Thank you.

School Website

Please take a look at our school blogs and see lots of the inspiring learning your children have been doing in class. Click on the title of the blog to open it in a new window. Please comment at the bottom of the blog posts your thoughts of encouragement for the children to read.

News & Events

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Swimming

Today a letter will be brought home regards the swimming next week. **Please read and return the slip.**



Stikins have kindly provided you with a free set of name labels and are offering same day dispatch on any orders placed before 3pm to enable you to receive more in time.

Mother's Day Service

On **Friday 17th March** our Upper School children will be walking to church to make posies with Dorothy Etherington from Church. These will be given out by the children to their mums at the **Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 19th March at Inskip St Peter's Church.**

Bishop Philip will be a guest speaker that day. We would love to see our children at the service to celebrate their Mothers and be involved in the



Faith Friends

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FRIENDS

This **Tuesday 14th March** we welcome **Prags Birk** who is coming to talk to our children about her faith of **Hinduism** and lead some workshops with the children.

Christian Values

Our Christian value theme this half term is '**Forgiveness**'.

Here's a way of exploring this theme at home.

★ HALL OF FAME

Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.

There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



Online Activity

We all want our children to be safe online and with that in mind we will be providing you with information about online behaviours, apps and games which will be useful to you in supporting your child to stay safe. This will also support the daily teaching of online safety at school.

This week we inform parents and carers about 'Amazon Fire Tablets'. Our children have said they use these at home for learning and playing games. Please also take a look on our web-site at [Our Safeguarding](#) page where you will discover our 2022-23 new academic year safeguarding.

AMAZON FIRE TABLETS

The Amazon Fire Tablet is a popular choice: not only are Amazon's own-brand devices more affordable than most other tablets on the market, but some models are designed specifically for youngsters (the Fire 7 Kids, Fire 8 HD and Fire HD 10 are aimed at ages 3-7, for example, while the 'Pro' range is geared toward 6 to 12-year-olds). Fires come with access to a wealth of entertaining content, from child-friendly TV shows and videos to age-appropriate games and ebooks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STORAGE ISSUES

Many parents have bemoaned the Amazon Fire's relative lack of storage space. Fires ship with either 16GB or 32GB of memory, so if your child gets busy downloading books, games and videos, they'll quickly run out of room. You could invest in an SD card for extra storage (especially if multiple youngsters are sharing the device), so it's worth factoring in this possible additional expense.

GETTING LOCKED OUT

If your child unsuccessfully attempts to bypass your security PIN code (to access the Fire's parental controls settings, for instance) too many times, this could easily result in them being locked out of their device - and, arguably even worse, you being locked out of your Amazon or Kindle account. If this happens, the Amazon support team will be able to help you regain access.

POTENTIAL ADDICTION

Like most digital technology, Amazon Fires and their child-friendly content tend to be highly engrossing to young users. You might find your child often spending hours staring at their tablet, leading to irritability when asked to put it down. It may be a wise move to adjust the built-in screen time settings so you can control exactly how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

'ASSISTANCE' FROM ALEXA

Though the Amazon Fire's parental controls are comprehensive and allow you to limit access to age-inappropriate content, your child could still potentially bypass those restrictions using Alexa, Amazon's built-in AI assistant. We recommend that you switch off this functionality altogether by toggling Alexa to 'off' in the Settings menu.

FAULTY OLDER MODELS

Back in 2016, Amazon announced a product recall of the Amazon Fire 7 and Kids' Edition power adapters, due to a fault which caused an increased risk of electrical shock. This is no longer an issue on newer models of the Fire tablet, but it's unquestionably worth remembering if you're thinking about picking up a second-hand device for your child.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REGISTER ON YOUR ACCOUNT

Before your child uses their Fire, you'll need to register it to an Amazon account. Rather than having to set up a dedicated Amazon account for them, Amazon's 'Household' feature simply lets you add a separate profile to your own account. In-app purchases and Amazon store access are set to 'off' by default on child accounts, so young ones can't buy anything on their Fire without the password.

CONSIDER A CODENAME

When you add a child profile on a Fire, you can select an image to represent your child and then enter their name, gender and date of birth. To keep things extra secure, you might want to consider using a codename for your child's profile - keeping their real name private from Amazon or anyone else who might ever get access to the account.

FILTER SHARED CONTENT

You'll also be asked during the set-up process whether you want the Amazon Fire to be able to share any digital content that you've already purchased. We advise selecting 'For Kids' at this point, as this will only show the family-friendly books or videos in your content library, as opposed to any movies, shows or audiobooks you might have downloaded that aren't suitable for little ones.

SET A PASSWORD OR PIN

You'll also be prompted to set a lock screen password or PIN. This is recommended to prevent your child from accessing device settings, browsing the Internet, trawling social media or making in-app purchases. If more than one child will be sharing the tablet, you can create a lock screen PIN for each of their profiles, so that each child can only access content that's appropriate for their individual age.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

The Fire's parental controls are very thorough and worth utilising. They let you choose, for example, to restrict access to additional settings such as location-based services, the built-in camera, and specific content types (such as apps). You can also set daily goals and time limits to specify when - or, crucially, for how long - your child can use their Fire tablet.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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Dates for the diary:-

Tuesday 14th March	Faith Friends Visit
Wednesday 15th March	School closed to pupils NEU Industrial Strike
Thursday 16th March	School closed to pupils NEU Industrial Strike
Friday 17th March	Library Van
Tuesday 21st March	Friends Meeting
Friday 31st March	School Closes for Easter
Monday 17th April	Primary School Offers Confirmed
Monday 17th April	School Reopens

This Week's Clubs:-

MONDAY 13th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3.30pm Sports Club with Corey
TUESDAY 14th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3.30pm Tennis with Simon
<u>WEDNESDAY 15th</u>	<u>School Closed To Pupils</u>
<u>THURSDAY 16th</u>	<u>School Closed To Pupils</u>
FRIDAY 17th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3:30pm Football Club with Corey



Birthdays this week:

Reuben on 16th March

Spring Events

Below are some lovely Spring events that you might like to attend are being held at various local venues. Please do take a look and call the below numbers for more details. Thank you.

St Anne's Church Copp St Peter's Church Inskip



Spring Into Life
March 2023

With Special Guests Bishop Tony & Lucille Porter

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| Friday 24th | Coffee Morning at YIPs Centre Inskip from 10am to Midday |
| Friday 24th | Cheese and Wine & Fun Quiz at Gt Eccleston Cricket Club starting at 7.30pm ~ Tickets £5 per person |
| Saturday 25th | Sports Breakfast at Saswick House Elswick from 9.30 to 11.15am (Bishop Tony was chaplain to Manchester City) ~ Tickets £7 per person |
| Saturday 25th | Children's Easter Craft Afternoon at Gt Eccleston Village 2 to 4pm ~ Free but Ticket required |
| Sunday 26th | 10.30am Morning Service at St Peter's Church followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake |
| Sunday 26th | 4pm Songs Of Praise at St Anne's Copp followed by Afternoon Tea |

For more details and tickets please contact

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