



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

Monday 25th April 2022



Non Uniform Day

Notice from Friends—This **Friday 29th April** the Friends are having a non uniform day. In exchange for a £1 donation your child can wear their own clothes all day at school.

Library Van

The library van will be visiting school this **Friday 29th April**. Please remind your child to return any books they have and exchange them for new adventures. Thank you.

Home Reading Expectations



We are keen for every one of our children to be reading at home. Here is a list of all the benefits of reading. Listen to your child read **EVERY** day and your child will reap the rewards at school.



1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brain.

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

3. Reading improves concentration.

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination.

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is a fun.

A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

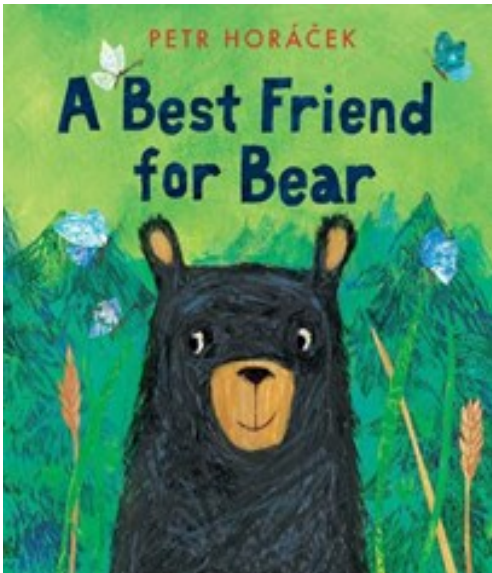
10. Children who read achieve better in school.

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

Curriculum Overviews

To see what your child will be learning in their class this term take a look at our curriculum overviews on our website <https://www.inskip.lancs.sch.uk/learning/curriculum-overviews>

Author Visit



We have some very exciting news! On **Friday 6th May** we have an absolutely fabulous **children's author** called **Petr Horaceck** visiting our EYFS, Year 1, 2 and 3 children here in school.

Petr is an artist as well as an author who has illustrated many books, have a look at his website www.petrhoracek.co.uk or @p.horacek_ on Instagram and here <https://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Petr-Horacek-4457.aspx> on his publisher Walker Book's website to see his work.

During his visit the children will draw with Petr and experience how he creates his illustrations. Petr will also read from his latest picture book called 'A Best Friend For Bear' which is available to buy on the day at a reduced cost of £10 a book. Petr will sign each of the children's books for them. If you would like a signed book to gift and your child is not in the visiting years please contact Mrs Dalton in the school office before Thursday.

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.

Lower School

[How Many Can You Grab?](#)

[PE in the Sun](#)

[Creating an Animal Shelter](#)

[Habitats in the Natural World](#)

Middle School

[Habitats Around Us](#)

[Latitudes of the Earth](#)

Upper School

[Top Tips for Year 6](#)

[Art & Design - Nests](#)

Christian Values

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

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

THINK TOGETHER
ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"To be **truthful** with others, you must first be **truthful** with yourself"

Anon

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 'Discord'. We know that some of our children use this to chat with other gamers online.

Please also take a look on our website at [Our Safeguarding](#) page where you will discover a range of links to on-line safety information.



With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.



What parents need to know about DISCORD



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Your child can access almost any chat server on Discord. This means they can easily be exposed to content and conversations that are inappropriate, upsetting or potentially harmful.



SEXUAL IMAGERY

Despite there being guidelines in place to prevent it, users are able to circulate adult content. This can include sexualised images, pornographic videos and provocative discussions. It's important to stay alert and know the risks that your child could be exposed to.



RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Interactions on the platform are largely unregulated. This means other users can easily say and show things to your child that might be offensive and upsetting. The competitive nature of gaming can lead users to make abusive and harmful remarks about your child.



HIDDEN CHARGES

Though the basic platform is free, your child will be encouraged to sign up to premium subscriptions, which give extra perks, such as animated emojis and free games. The two options are known as 'Nitro Classic' (which costs \$4.99 a month) and Nitro (which costs \$9.99 a month). Prices are only converted to pound sterling during the payment process.



RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without realising the consequences.



STRANGER DANGER

To create an account, you only need to display a username and profile image. This makes it easy for someone to hide his or her real identity. Predators from anywhere in the world can join a chat server, message your child and quickly leave to avoid detection. Forbes reports groomers have been targeting children susceptible to online coercion on the platform.



Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 BEWARE OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: <https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>



2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.



3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.



4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly using the email: abuse@discordapp.com. It's a good idea to teach your child how to screenshot any negative interactions too.



5 BEWARE OF NSFW CONTENT

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is supposed to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).



6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/guidelines



7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.



Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.

Dates for the diary:-

Friday 29th April	Library Van
Monday 2nd May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 9th—Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 27th May	School Closes for Summer half term holiday
Monday 6th June	School Reopens
Tuesday 7th June	Tempest Class & Yr 6 Leavers Photographs
Monday 11th July	Yr 6 Trip to Hothersall
Tuesday 12th July	Yr 6 Trip to Humblescough Farm
Tuesday 19th July	School Closes for the children for Summer Holidays

Clubs:-

MONDAY 25th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Forest School with Mrs Nash
TUESDAY 26th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Tennis with Simon Ardron
WEDNESDAY 27th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Multi-skills Sports Club with Corey from Fleetwood Town
THURSDAY 28th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Afterschool Games, Construction and Arts Club with Mrs Welsh
FRIDAY 29th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	Multi-skills Sports Club with Corey from Fleetwood Town



Birthdays this week

Ada for 25th April

Mrs Humphries for 26th April



Lancashire County Council have asked schools to relay the below message to all our Parents and Carers:

Lancashire Parking Services are updating how we undertake school keep clear enforcement. The service will be undertaking targeted deployment of **Civil Enforcement Officers** to deter parking around schools at the beginning and the end of