



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 26th June 2023

Sports Day

We REALLY want our Sports Day on Friday afternoon to go ahead, with that in mind we have also been watching the weather forecast (this is the latest forecast), the chance of rain has decreased since yesterday but there is still a good chance of it. Clearly my concern around rain is the safety of pupils running on wet grass/surfaces. I recognise that it is extremely difficult for parents not knowing whether Sports Day is on and whether to leave work or not, however I will not be issuing a Friday morning decision on whether I have cancelled it because if it not raining and surfaces are safe we will go ahead, it may start later than planned but if we can do it we will. We will keep you up to date with our thoughts on ClassDojo during the day so please ensure that your notifications are enabled on that, if I do have to cancel it last minute I apologise now for all the inconvenience it may cause however we will do all we can to work around the weather and ensure that it is a safe event. Thank you.

Miss Leyland.



Sports Day Arrangements



Hopefully, It's our **Sports Day** this Friday afternoon!

Please come along parents to cheer your children on! We have a round robin sports day where the children are divided between 9 groups and the groups travel around our timed activities amassing points as they go! Siblings are together so that parents don't miss any of their children's events. After that there will be class relay races.

We will start at 1.30pm and as parents are walking around with their children watching them at each event there is no benefit to arriving early as there's no best seats! Therefore when you get to school please make your way up the side of the school (where Upper School parents meet their children after school), **the gate** from there onto the playground **will be opened at 1.25pm**. Please ensure your child has their water bottle at school, we do not have spare water bottles. **All children should come that day wearing their PE clothes.**

The children may depart with parents straight after Sports Day, our after school club will be running as normal though if required.

Summer Fete

Our Summer Fayre is being held on Saturday 8th July from 11am until 2pm



We are looking forward to seeing you all at the School Summer Fayre this year. Our star attraction are the beautiful **donkeys** from Blackpool Beach, plus one of our mums is bringing her very own **fruity cider bar** to provide refreshments for the grown-ups!

The Upper and Middle School children will be taking part in their chosen tournaments, either **football** or **tug of war**. The **craft competition** judging will be taking place and awards handed out on the day!

There will be **sausages and burgers sizzling on the BBQ** and no-one is excluded, we will also have a separate **vegetarian/vegan BBQ**, so please come along and enjoy your lunch and perhaps treat yourself to some **cake** or **candy floss** too!

There will be a **tombola**, **coconut shy**, **hook a duck**, **loads of garden games** and plenty of fun to be had, so please come along and support the school whilst having a great day

Ice Pops

Due to the strike day being next Friday, the Friends will be selling ice pops outside school on **Thursday after school next week**. Don't forget your 50p.



Water Bottles



Well done to all those children who brought a water bottle with them on Monday, not quite 100% of everyone. Dojos will be given out to those children who bring their water bottle to school next Monday. We ask that you send your child to school with a **named water bottle** that they can refill at our water machine.

Latest School Blogs

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

[Robots have Visited!](#)

[Exploring Properties & Materials](#)

[We Love Counting!](#)

[Learning New PE Skills](#)

Middle School

[Archery](#)

[Reciting a poem from memory](#)

Upper School

[Rounders Competition at Garstang Academy](#)

[Romeo & Juliet Debate Preparation](#)

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. Please also take a look on our website at [Our Safeguarding](#) page.

This week we inform parents and carers about 'Voice Activated Searching'. Some of our children have said they use this kind of searching on their devices at home.

Part of our Online Information Series

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What you need to know about... VOICE ACTIVATED SEARCHING

What is it? 'Voice Activated Searching'

Voice activated search, also known as 'voice search' or 'voice-enabled search' is a search tool that allows the user to use a voice command to search the internet, a website, or an app. It is commonly associated with smart speakers or digital assistants such as Alexa, Siri and Cortana. They can be used on smart phones and also operate on separate devices like the Amazon Echo or Google Home. They are particularly beneficial for children with disabilities who struggle with using a keyboard.

***Ahem* Ok Kloe, what's the number for National Online Safety?**

...Okay. Here is the number I have found. 0800 368 8061

Know the Risks

Data Misuse

This is one of the biggest concerns about voice activated search. Many times, we do not know where our data is being stored and how it will be used. Before using a voice activated search, it is always good practice to know what happens to our data once we hand it over to digital assistants.

Forming bad manners

There is a concern that children will get used to giving commands instead of politely requesting for something when using a voice search. They may think that such behaviour is considered normal and it could influence how they speak offline in the real world.

Adult content

Children can ask questions that may not be appropriate for their age. Voice assistants aren't able to identify the age of a user and hence might provide them with answers that may not be suitable for their age group. Similarly, devices may play explicit versions of songs if no parental controls are applied.

Online purchases

If you have your credit card or other online payment information linked to your voice activated search, then there is a risk that children could make unauthorised purchases, potentially racking up huge bills.

Safety Tips

Use it together

When using voice activated searching, it's important to do it together with your child, especially at the initial stages. This will help them to become familiar with it and to understand how it should be used properly. Teach them how useful it can be and remind them to always speak politely, even when issuing commands.

Set parental controls

Review the parental settings on your devices. Implement filters and block any access to explicit or adult related content. Remove connected cards or implement safety measures to ensure children cannot spend freely.

Keep security software updated

Keep software updated on your devices to help keep the voice activated search feature secure. Use two-factor authentication whenever possible and set a strong password to avoid the risk of hacking.

Mute speaker when not in use

On smart speakers installed at home, it's good practice to mute the speakers when not in use or to just unplug the device when in standby mode. This reduces the risk of the speaker misidentifying an activation command and helps to improve your privacy and security.

Wider Benefits

Can improve learning

Voice activated searching can be used as an educational tool to help stimulate children's critical thinking and problem-solving skills. For instance, it can help children with their spelling, solving mathematical problems and also with reading, writing and their time-management.

Help reduce screen time

When used correctly, voice activated search can help to reduce the amount of time children spend in front of a screen. This could be in the form of a story, conducting a quiz or playing music rather than watching TV or playing computer games.

Learning assistant for children with SEND

Smart speakers can be a beneficial digital assistant for children with SEND since it removes the need for typing. Some children may struggle using a keyboard or having to multitask so using voice activated search can be a good tool to help children be digitally connected.

Our Expert Parven Kaur

Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

Dates for the diary:- (whole school events in red)

Friday 30th June	Sports Afternoon at 1.30pm
Monday 3rd July	Move Up Day
Wednesday 5th July	NEU Teacher Strike Day school closed to pupils
Thursday 6th July	Middle School Concert at 2.45pm
Thursday 6th July	Friends Non Uniform for a Tombola Prize
Friday 7th July	NEU Teacher Strike Day school closed to pupils
Saturday 8th July	Our Summer Fayre
Thursday 13th July	Whole School Disco 5-6.30pm
Friday 14th July	Library Van—Collection of all books only
Friday 14th July	Whole School Visit to Wild Boar Park
Week beginning 17th July	School Reports sent home
Monday 17th July	Upper School Play Performance 2.15pm
Tuesday 18th July	Upper School Play Performance at 6pm
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 Treat Day
Friday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Ceremony (Y6 parents only) 12pm
Friday 21st July	School ends for Summer for the pupils at 1.15pm

This Week's Clubs:-

MONDAY 26th	8:00am Breakfast Club 3.30pm Sports Club with Corey
TUESDAY 27th	8:00am Breakfast Club 3.30pm Tennis with Simon
WEDNESDAY 28th	8:00am Breakfast Club 3.30pm Forest School with Claire
THURSDAY 29th	8:00am Breakfast Club 3.30pm Basketball Club with Corey
FRIDAY 30th	8:00am Breakfast Club 3.30pm Football Club with Corey



Birthdays this week:

Joseph for 26th June

