



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 6th February 2023



Spring Half Term Holiday

We break up for the Spring half term holidays on **Friday 10th February** at the **usual end of school time**. We will welcome you all back to school at **8.50am on Monday 20th February**.

Den Building Fun!

The children are really enjoying making dens on our field during playtime and lunchtime. If you've got any branches or logs that you'd like to donate to our den makers please bring them up to school.

In other wood related news we have a few old pallets piled next to our car park, if you'd like them please take them.



Sing Together

The children in Upper and Middle School are very excited to be taking part in the **Let's Go Sing concert** at **King George's Hall, Blackburn on Friday 10th March** at 6pm. They have been practising and you no doubt parents have been able to listen to some of their beautiful voices as they practise at home.



We would love for you to come along and support the children as they perform in this exciting and uplifting event. We will be sitting in the **balcony on the left** hand side as you look at the stage. We would advise to book your tickets that are also in the balcony so that you can see us all. Tickets for the concert are available via the King George's Hall website www.bwdvenues.com and box office 01254 582579.

If you have already booked and think that you won't be able to see us, they have advised that you can call the box office so that they can move you to a more appropriate location.

FAITH FRIENDS

A huge **thank you** to **Revd Paul** for coming in this week to share with our pupils his faith journey.

On the 20th February **Kelsang Pagpa** a Buddhist monk will be coming to talk to our children about his faith and answer their questions.

Christian Values

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

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

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

School Website

We have so much fun learning!

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

[A. F Steadman Visits Inskip](#)

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Lower School

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Middle School

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[La Voyage Dans La Lune](#)

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Upper School

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[Historical Significance of Henry VIII](#)

Online Activity

This **Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day**. The annual event to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital tech among children and young people. This year's title is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what's happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often doesn't extend to youngsters' online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online. Just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having. In support of Safer Internet Day 2023, our guide has some useful tips on potential ways to start those conversations.

Please also take a look on our website at [Our Safeguarding](#) page where you will discover our 2022-23 new academic year safeguarding.

Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about DIGITAL LIVES

The online world is an entirely familiar and commonplace part of life for today's children and young people, far more so than for previous generations. There are many positives to children being able to access online materials, so it's important not to demonise the internet, games and apps, and limit the benefit of their positive aspects. At the same time, we do have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter online (just as we would about real-world dangers) so it's essential that we don't shy away from talking to them about the complex – and often sensitive – subject of what they do and what they see when they're online.

Here are some suggestions for kicking off conversations with your child about their digital life ...

MAKE YOUR INTEREST CLEAR

Showing enthusiasm when you broach the subject signals to your child that you're keen to learn about the positives of their online world. Most children enjoy educating adults and will happily chat about what they use the internet for, or what games and apps they're into and how these work. Asking to see their favourite games and apps in action could help you spot any aspects that may need your attention – such as chat functions which might require a settings adjustment to limit contact with strangers. Keep listening even if your child pauses for a long time; they could be considering how to phrase something specific, or they may be gauging your reaction.

BE OPEN AND HONEST, APPROPRIATE TO THEIR AGE

At various stages, children and young people become curious about puberty and how their body changes; about relationships; about how babies are made; and about sexual health. If your child knows that they can discuss these sensitive subjects with you, they tend to be less likely to go looking online for answers – which can often provide them with misleading information and, in some cases, lead to them consuming harmful content. Don't worry if you don't immediately know the answers to their questions – just find out for yourself and go back to them once you have the facts.

REMNIND YOUR CHILD THEY CAN ALWAYS TALK TO YOU

In my role I work with many children and young people who admit being reluctant to tell a trusted adult about harmful content they've viewed online, in case it leads to having their devices confiscated. Emphasise to your child that you're always there to listen and help; reassure them that if they do view harmful content, then they are not to blame – but talking about it openly will help. Children shouldn't be expected to be resilient against abuse or feel that it's their job to prevent it.

KEEP TALKING!

The most valuable advice we can give is to keep talking with your child about their digital lives. You could try using everyday situations to ask questions about their online experiences.

DISCUSS THAT NOT EVERYTHING WE SEE ONLINE IS REAL

Here, you could give examples from your own digital life of the online world versus reality – for example, those Instagram posts which show the perfect house: spotlessly clean, never messy and immaculately decorated. Explain to your child that there are many other aspects of the online world which are also deliberately presented in an unrealistic way for effect – such as someone's relationship, their body, having perfect skin and so on.

TRY TO REMAIN CALM

As much as possible, try to stay calm even if your child tells you about an online experience that makes you feel angry or fearful. Our immediate emotions frequently influence the way we talk, so it's possible that your initial reaction as a parent or carer could deter a child from speaking openly about what they've seen. Give yourself time to consider the right approach, and perhaps speak with other family members or school staff while you are considering your next steps.

CREATE A 'FAMILY AGREEMENT'

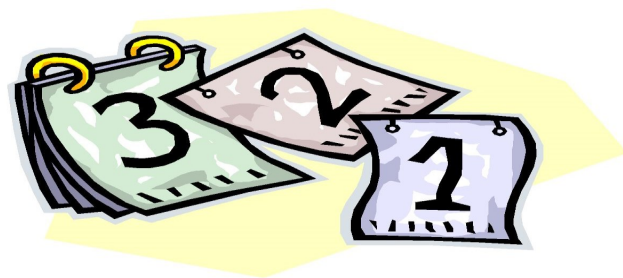
Involving your whole household in coming up with a family agreement about device use can be immensely beneficial. You could discuss when (and for how long) it's OK to use phones, tablets, consoles and so on at home; what parental controls are for and why they're important; and why it's good to talk to each other about things we've seen or experienced online (both good and bad). Explaining your reasoning will help children to understand that, as trusted adults, we want to make sure they are well informed and kept safe. Allowing children to have their say when coming up with your family agreement also makes them far more likely to stick to it in the long term.

Meet Our Expert

Rebecca Jennings of RAISE (Raising Awareness in Sex Education) has almost 20 years' experience delivering relationships and sex education and training to schools, colleges and other education providers. A published author on the subject, she also advises the Department of Education on the staff-training element of the RSHE curriculum.

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Dates for the diary:-



Friday 10th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term
Monday 20th February	School Reopens
Wednesday 1st March	Secondary School Offers Confirmed
Friday 10th March	Sing Together
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:-



This **Thursday** Mrs Welsh will be holding a **one-off art and craft after school club** (£4, 3.30 - 4.30), lots of our pupils loved this club when it ran weekly so it's great to have it back for the day. If your child would like to attend please email Mrs Dalton.

MONDAY 6th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3.30pm Sports Club with Corey
TUESDAY 7th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3.30pm Tennis with Simon
WEDNESDAY 8th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3:30pm Forest School with Claire
THURSDAY 9th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3:30pm Sports Club with Corey
THIS WEEK ONLY	3.30pm Mrs Welsh's Art and Craft Club
FRIDAY 10th	8:00am Breakfast Club
	3:30pm Football Club with Corey