



## 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 March 2023**

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

### Sing Together



The children in Upper School and Middle School are very excited to be taking part in a 'Sing Together' concert at **King George's Hall, Blackburn** this **Friday 10th March at 6pm**.

The children will need to be collected from **King George's Hall after the concert**. We will be at **letter C in the main hall at the end of the concert**. **Please make sure that you register with a teacher that you have your child before you leave the hall**. Thank you. Tickets are available via King George's Hall website and box office.

We wish them every success.

### Shane Hegarty Visit



Last Thursday we had a wonderful World Book Day 2023! We have had a visit from the fantastic, very funny author **Shane Hegarty**.

Shane asked and answered lots of questions explaining how he thinks of ideas and writes his stories, inspiring our children. Shane also showed the children what a first proof looks like, how he has to read it all to check it is all correct before going to print and turning into the beautiful books we can buy in the shop.

Thank you so very much Shane for taking the time to visit our school, making us laugh and sharing your fantastic books.

## Swimming Lessons

Next week the swimming pool will be erected so that for the final two weeks of this term we will be having a **swimming pool at our school** in order for each of our pupils to receive daily swimming lessons.

### **Benefits of water safety and swimming lessons:**



- Swimming provides numerous physical and mental benefits throughout a pupil's life
- Water safety is an essential life-saving skill
- Learning to swim allows pupils to have fun in the water with family and friends
- Knowing how to swim provides access to many other water-related activities – and careers
- Learning about water safety in different water environments and situations is vital to staying safe in and around water

As an island nation with a wide range of rivers, lakes and canals, water is everywhere. At some point in their life every child will be around water.

### **Being able to access a swimming pool in our grounds has numerous benefits against travelling to a pool in a separate town:**

- We will have sole use of the pool, no sharing with others
- Extremely small numbers in each lesson compared to traditional whole class swimming lessons
- Swimming session length will be maximized
- An increased number of individual and small group changing spaces
- No travelling in a coach to the pool and back
- Travel time will not encroach into other lessons



The heated and filtered pool will be erected on our playground inside a marquee, the company will also provide a lifeguard and swimming teacher and our teaching staff will also teach and support children in each lesson. LCC have been involved with our planning of this and our risk assessment.

Every pupil will use the pool each school day from Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> March till Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The children will change into and out of their swimwear inside school before walking in their dressing gown and pumps to the pool (windows overlooking the building site and houses will be blocked).

### **Each school day from Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> March till Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March your child will need to bring to school**

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a dry towel
- a swimming hat if they have long hair (to prevent their vision being impeded during the session)
- a dressing gown
- flip flops / slippers / pumps

**Jewellery** must not be worn and we ask that **goggles** are only worn in exceptional circumstances. In the event of your child being involved outside school in a hazardous water situation, it is extremely unlikely that they would be wearing goggles. It is highly desirable therefore, that your child learns to swim without being dependent on goggles. If you believe that there are exceptional circumstances, we will provide you with a form to enable you to request an exception.

Swimming aids are provided by the pool company.

**For ease of changing all pupils may wear baggy jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt (ie our PE kit) each day during these 2 weeks.**



## 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.

## FAITH FRIENDS

Next **Tuesday 14th March Prags Birk** is coming to talk to our children about her faith of Hinduism and lead some workshops.

## 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.

## Christian Values

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

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



### FASCINATING FACTS

#### Crosses across the world

The cross is a very special symbol for Christians it reminds them of Jesus' death on the cross which brought **forgiveness** for the world.

Different shapes and designs of crosses reflect different traditions and communities across the world.

Maria Gomez was a Christian Primary School teacher in El Salvador. She angered the authorities in her country because she campaigned for the rights of poor people. Eventually she was murdered. Later a local artist was commissioned to paint a wooden cross with scenes showing her life and her work among the poor women in the rural villages of El Salvador.



The Celtic cross originates from Ireland. St Patrick described the circle on the cross as symbolising the endless love shown by Jesus. The cross is decorated with natural shapes and animals to remind us of God's creation.

The Black and White cross comes from South Africa and was designed during the time of apartheid. The Bible teaches that people are equal in God's eyes, no matter what their background or the colour of their skin.



## News & Events

[WBD Books Gift to our school](#)

[Shane Hegarty Visit](#)

## Lower School

[WBD Reading Buddies](#)

[3 Billy Goats Gruff](#)

[PE Throwing and Catching](#)

## Middle School

[Inside A flower](#)

[World Book Day](#)

[Fabulous Fabrics](#)

## Upper School

[Tudor Workshop](#)

[WBD—Favourite Book Covers](#)

[WBD—Reading Buddies](#)

[WBD-Kahoot](#)

[Our Childhood Books](#)



## 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 'iPads'.** Our children have said they use these at home for learning and playing games. Please also take a look on our website at [Our Safe-guarding](#) page where you will discover our 2022-23 new academic year safeguarding.

# iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

#### SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

#### SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

#### APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

#### STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

#### SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

#### TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

### 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.

**NOS** National Online Safety

## Dates for the diary:-

Friday 10th March	Let's Go Sing
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 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 Basketball with Fleetwood Town
FRIDAY 10th	8:00am Breakfast Club 3.30pm Football Club with Corey



**Birthdays this week:**  
**Nathaniel on 9th March**

### Library Van Visit



Our Library 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.

Our next visit is **Friday 17th March**.

**If your child has a request for a specific book or series to read Glenys will put in a request for it to be reserved and bring it as soon as she can. Thank you Glenys.**