



# 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 November 2023**



## Tempest Photographs



Tempest will be coming to school this **Friday 10th November** to take your child's Individual and family photographs. Everyone loves to give these as beautiful Christmas presents to relatives so please make sure that your children are photograph ready that morning. Thank you.

## Remembrance Sunday

**Remembrance Sunday** service is at St Peter's Church **this Sunday**. If you would like your child to be involved in the laying of the wreath at the Remembrance Service please let Miss Leyland know.



## Christian Values

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

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



### HALL OF FAME

#### Lady Justice

Lady **Justice** is one of the most famous landmarks in London. It is a bronze statue that stands on the domed roof of the Old Bailey.

This building houses the central criminal courts where people who are accused of breaking the law are tried by a judge and jury to find out if they are 'guilty' and should be punished or 'not guilty' and can go free.

Lady **Justice** was designed to be a symbol of **justice**: in her left hand she carries the scales of truth and fairness and in her right hand a double edged sword representing the power of reason and **justice**.



## 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

[Lower School's New Hand-writing](#)

[Reception's Careful Count-](#)

### Middle School

[Prepositions](#)

[Origami Folding](#)

[History Detectives](#)

### Upper School

[Yr5&6 Cross Country Race](#)

[News & Events](#)

[Celebration Worship](#)

## School Prize Draw

Each year the school has a Prize Draw running from November to October to raise money for the school whilst also providing a big cash prize to the monthly winner! If you would like to take part in the draw, please apply now before 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023! A number costs £2 per month, therefore £24 for the year. The winnings depend on how many numbers are purchased i.e. if a 100 numbers are purchased, the cash prize each month will be £100.

Thanks so much in advance for your support to the school and Good Luck xx



### FRIENDS OF INSKIP SCHOOL PRIZE DRAW

**INTRODUCTION** – For the last couple of years we have held a monthly prize draw for friends, family and locals of Inskip C of E School to raise money for facilities and experiences for the children which the current budget does not allow for. It has been very popular, so we will be doing the same again this year. The chances of winning a nice cash prize are much greater than buying a scratch card each month! Note: The school has purchased a small lotteries license from the Wyre Borough Council No.SL0333

#### RULES

- Each number costs £2 per month
- There is a prize draw at the end of every month from November 2023 to October 2024
- There is no limit to the amount of numbers 1 person can purchase
- You must commit to the prize draw for 12 months and pay £24 up front (per number required)
- The list of members will be shown on the Friends of Inskip School Facebook page against their number(s) and it will be updated whenever members are added. A paper copy can be provided on request if you do not have access to Facebook.
- You must be 16 or over to participate
- If there are 100 numbers purchased, the winner will receive £100 prize money and the school will receive a £100 donation (i.e. 50% to the winner, 50% to the school)
- New members can join at any time and commit to the remaining number of months up to October 2024.
- The prize draw will be made by using either a random number generator, live on Facebook on the last Friday of the month and the cash prize will be delivered as soon as possible following the draw.

#### HOW TO JOIN

If you want to become a member, please fill out the slip below and return with your child to school or if you do not have a child at school, please hand deliver it along with your cash, confirmation of BACS payment or cheque (made payable to "Friends of Inskip C of E School") to the school reception OR to Hannah Fox, 2 School Lane, Inskip, PR4 0TS

BACS Account information: Friends Inskip School, NATWEST, Acc: 13232770, Sort Code 01-03-33

PLEASE RETURN ASAP BUT NO LATER THAN 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT. YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY NUMBERS WOULD YOU LIKE PER MONTH – tick the appropriate box below

How many <u>nos.</u>	Amount per year	Tick 1 box
1	£24	
2	£48	
3	£72	
4	£96	
5	£120	

Please enclose the appropriate annual figure (cash or cheque or write on the slip that you have sent it via BACS) in an envelope and post it to school or 2 School Lane GOOD LUCK XX



## 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 'Among Us'. Some of our children have said they play this game at home.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

#### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

#### CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

#### GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

#### CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

#### DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

#### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

#### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

**NOS** National Online Safety®  
#WakeUpWednesday

The Parish Council have arranged for police to monitor parking around school. This will be at various dates and times. This is due to complaints from the neighbours around school. Please do be mindful about where you park when dropping and picking up your child. Thank you.

## Dates for the diary:-

Friday 10th November	Tempest Photography Individual and Family Photos
Friday 17th November	Crazy Hair Day!
Friday 17th November	Library Van
Friday 1st December	Non-Uniform for a Tombola/Raffle Prize
Saturday 2nd December	Christmas Fair
Friday 8th December	Library Van
Tuesday 12th December	MS Visit to Chester Zoo
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Family Bingo 6.30pm-8pm
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 20th December	Nativity Performances Day at 2pm, Evening at 6pm
Thursday 21st December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21st December	Class Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 22nd December	Inskip's Got Talent
Friday 22nd December	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 8th January	School Reopens

## Next Week's Clubs:-

MONDAY 13th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3.30pm	<b>Bench Ball with Fleetwood Town</b>
TUESDAY 14th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	<b>Tennis with Simon Ardron</b>
WEDNESDAY 15th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	<b>Dodgeball with Fleetwood Town</b>
THURSDAY 16th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	<b>Forest School with Mrs Nash</b>
FRIDAY 17th	8:00am	Breakfast Club
	3:30pm	<b>Multi Sports with Fleetwood Town</b>



**Birthdays this week:**

**Jack on 11th November**