

# Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

Friday 9th - Thursday 15th December

Classes of the Week: R/KS1: RS KS2: 5SR

House of the Week: Dolphin

Pupil of the Week: Madison Stewart 6HT



TRACKIT LIGHTS

12th - 16th December

KP Oscar W

3B Charlie G

3C Isabella O'S

4C Abigail O

4W Luke F

5G Farida G

5SR Archie M

6HT Cal M

6M Thurston K



5th - 9th December

Rec 89% Year 1 94%, Year 2 91%, Year 3 95%,  
Year 4 95%, Year 5 94%, Year 6 91%



Dear Parents and Carers,

## SCHOOLS REBUILDING PROGRAMME

You may have already seen the great news that we have been successful in our application for funding from the Government/DfE to refurbish or rebuild Moorfield Primary School. At this point we don't know how much funding we have been allocated or what the rebuilding programme will look like for our school. We hope to have further information to share with you either next week or in the new year. I would personally like to thank the School Governors who have supported us and constantly fought for funding to improve our school building. I firmly believe that without their input we wouldn't be in this great position now. I would also like to thank the Estates Management Team at the Local Authority who supported us in our application.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you for supporting this event today and thank you for all your kind donations. As shared in the previous newsletter all donations will be split equally between Save the Children and Mission for Christmas.

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## YEAR 5 SWIMMING GALA

Special shout out for Scarlett 5SR and Harry 5SR who along with Jamie, Thomas, Evan, Charlotte and Sophie in 5G, swam for school in the Y5 gala at Grand Central this week. 18 schools took part. After a VAR check, the boys were crowned joint winners with Queensgate from Bramhall. The girls we think were 5th. This was an amazing effort by Charlotte, Scarlett and Sophie as the girls were a swimmer short so all the girls had to double up and swim extra races. Thanks to Mr Roffey and Mrs Reeder-Hurst for accompanying the children.



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## YEAR 2 TASTING EXPERIENCE

Our Year 2 pupils, as part of their Europe topic, tasted a variety of European food this week from Belgium waffles to croissants and salami. As you can see from the photographs they couldn't wait to get stuck in!



## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We have had a fantastic week watching our children sing, dance and act from Reception, KS1 and KS2. I hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed the performances as much as we did. Thank you to Miss Short, Mrs Stout and Mr Heaton for organising these shows and to all the teachers and teaching assistants that helped.



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## WINTER WATER SAFETY

After the very sad news we heard earlier this week regarding the young children playing on a frozen lake in Solihull, the council has put out the following message on their Facebook and Twitter pages on Thursday in response to an incident in Stockport.

*'This afternoon members of our team at Bramall Hall have had to remove a member of the public from the grounds after he was caught ice skating on the ponds in the park. The ponds may look picturesque, but the ice is thin and unstable. After the tragic news in Solihull earlier this week, we cannot overstate how dangerous the actions of this member of the public was. Falling into freezing water through ice can be fatal in minutes. Please do not walk on ponds or lakes when they are frozen over'*

I know that this goes without saying but please speak to your own children about winter water safety, particularly in light of the recent tragic events in Solihull. There are two links here which are useful support tools and a poster as part of this newsletter.

[Your Safety - Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Service](#) is a useful link to send to families as part of your general messaging around this issue.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety> is a little more detailed and contains some resources that you may choose to use with your children. Your pastoral leads should have already received this from a communication sent out earlier in the week.

## END OF AUTUMN 2 ASSEMBLY

We will be celebrating a number of children across the school on Wednesday 21st December with our end of half term assembly. If your child has been chosen this half term you will have received an email from the school office. Please check your junk folder as well as your inbox. These assemblies will take place in the KS2 Hall.

## FINAL DAY - a reminder

A reminder that we finish on Friday 23rd December at 1.25pm in Reception, KS1 and Kaleidoscope and 1.30pm in KS2. Parents and Carers are welcome to come and collect their child from their usual playground at these times. However if collecting your child early is not an option for you then you can pick up from the main school office at any time between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. **Parents of Year 6 children, please be aware we will NOT be allowing these children to walk home on their own at 1.30pm. Please ensure Year 6 children are collected if you want to take them early. We will only allow them to walk home unaccompanied at 3.30pm.**

There is a Google form being sent to all parents so we are aware of those being picked up early and those not. Please complete this as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like [systemrequirementslab.com](http://systemrequirementslab.com) can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

## MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

## BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers: they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

## Meet Our Expert

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# THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

## TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

### NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

### ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

### KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may over balance or trip and fall in.

### ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank. you may find it easier to do it.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for **'HELP'** and dial **999** or **112** if you can

**DO NOT** walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

**StayWise**