

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 3rd May 2024



We have had a difficult week this week as we have processed the news of the tragedy within our school community. I have been very proud of the Dragonfly children as they have shown themselves to be caring, kind and compassionate friends.

I am also very proud of Luna in Year 1 for being the first child to complete the '20 Books' challenge. Luna has really risen to this challenge and particularly enjoyed reading Peter Rabbit. Well done, Luna!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new teacher, Miss Amy Parker, to our school on Tuesday after the Bank Holiday weekend.

I hope you all have a peaceful extended weekend,

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

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Useful dates!

8 th May	Year 3/4 tennis festival
Week Beginning 13 th May	SATS week
17 th May	Celebration Collective worship at 9.10am – not in the afternoon
17 th May	End of SATs week tea party – Year 6 parents welcome (pm)
20 th – 24 th May	Year 5/6 residential to Hautbois
24 th May	No Celebration Collective Worship
7 th June	Class photos – note change of date
6 th June	Quad kids
6 th June	Holy Communion in school hall – all welcome. 9.10am
12 th June	Year 5/6 cricket
13 th June	Year 3/4 girls' football festival
Week Beginning 17 th June	Poetry Competition
18 th June	PTA meeting – Zoom 8pm
20 th June	Bees trip to St. Paul's (will be longer than a normal school day)
26 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Year 3/4 cricket
3 rd July	Ants and Butterflies trip to Wandlebury
10 th July	KS2 Production 2.30pm
11 th July	KS2 Production 6pm
12 th July	School Reports out
Week Beginning 15 th July	Year 6 Activity week
16 th July	Transition Morning
18 th July	Key Stage 1 Music Concert 2.30pm
19 th July	Leavers' Service 2.30pm
9 th -12 th September	Year 5 Bikeability
23 rd October	Individual and sibling photos

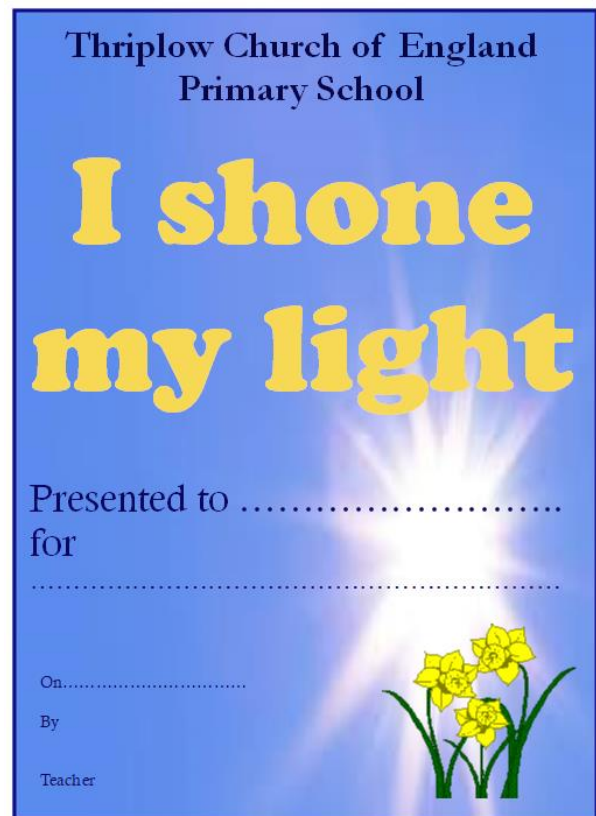
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Summer 2024		
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	27th May – 31 st May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 3rd June</i>
	Term Ends	Friday 19 th July
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 22nd July</i>
Autumn 2024		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 4th September
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 25th October</i>
	Half Term	28th October – 1 st November
	Term Ends	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025		
	Term Begins	Monday 6th January
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 14th February</i>
	Half Term	17th-21 st February
	Term Ends	Friday 4 th April
Summer 2025		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 23rd April
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	26th May – 30th May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd June</i>
	Term Ends	Wednesday 23 rd July

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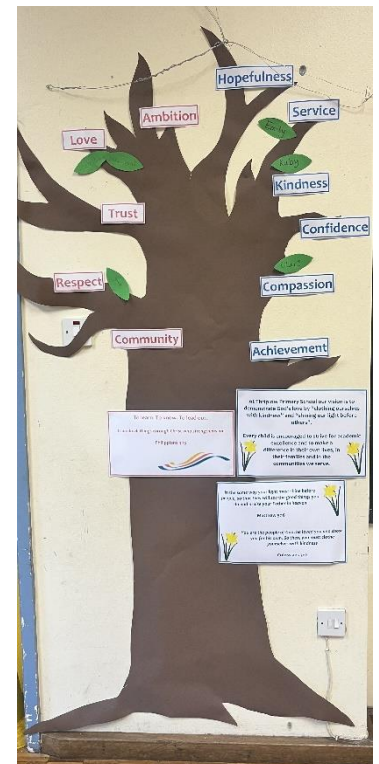
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Ants Class
- Jenson (Year 1)
- Sofia (Year 2)
- Maddie (Year 4)
- Jessica (Year 4)
- Leo (Year 4)
- Guy (Year 5)
- Pippa (Year 6)



The following children were added to the 'Vision and Values' tree for living out our Thriplow and DEMAT values.

- Ashton (Hopefulness)
- Joe (Hopefulness)
- Dragonflies (Love, Community, Respect, Kindness, Compassion, Service)



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Safeguarding at Thriplow

Lucy How and Melissa Hardege are the designated safeguarding leads at Thriplow School.

If you have a concern about a child, please come and speak to or email either of us. Alternatively please speak to any member of staff who will be able to pass on information.

If you feel that a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here.

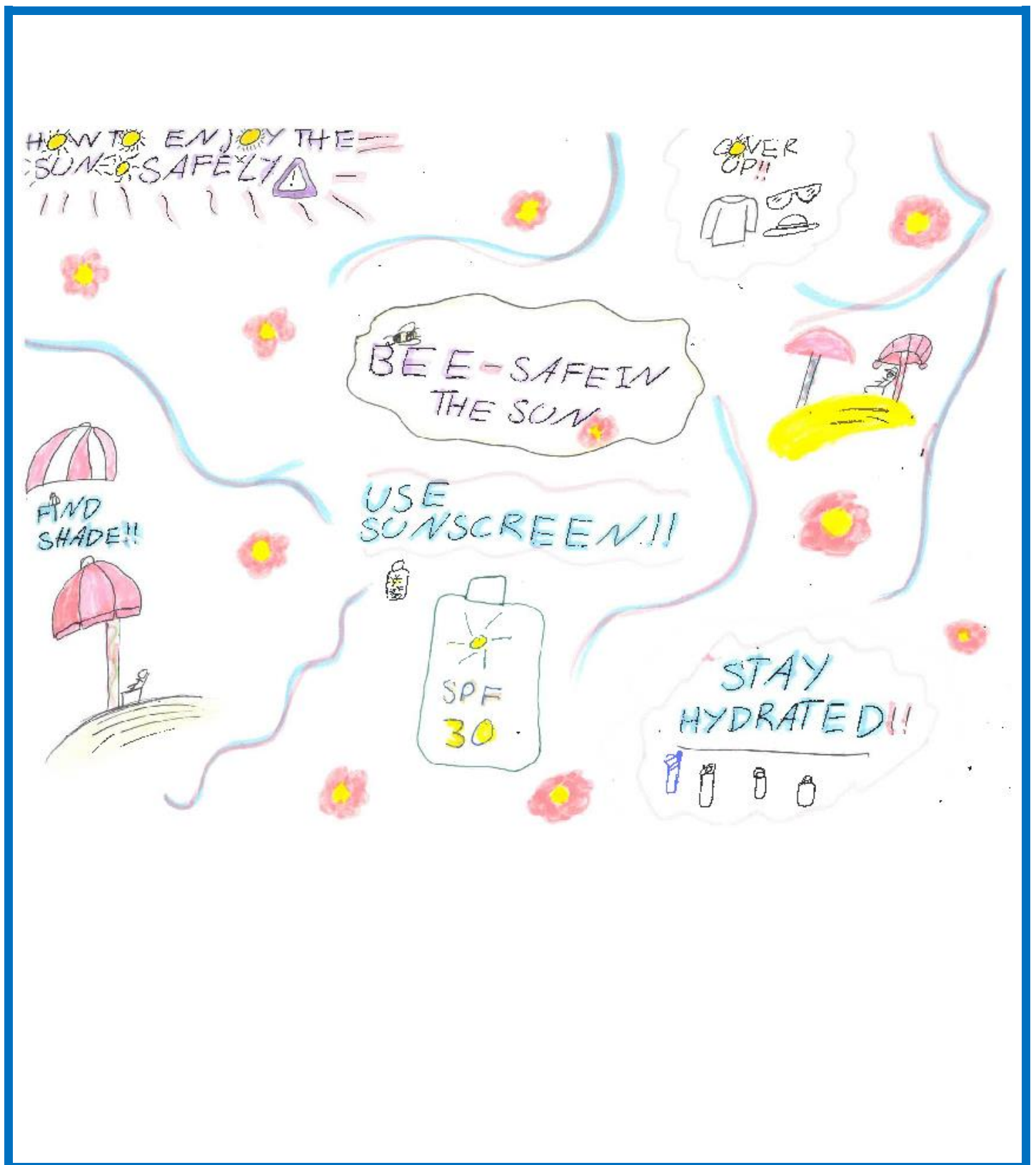
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection>

HATS

Please make sure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day this term. The reason for bringing it every day is so that it becomes part of the routine meaning that when the sun does make an appearance, we are well-prepared and sun-safe. Please note that as the term progresses, and the weather gets hotter and sunnier, we will not be able to let children out to play without a hat for health and safety reasons.

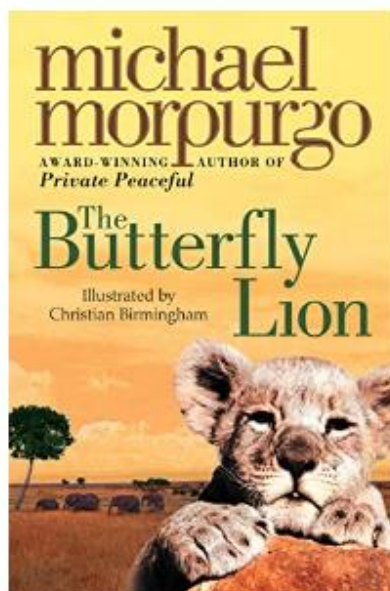


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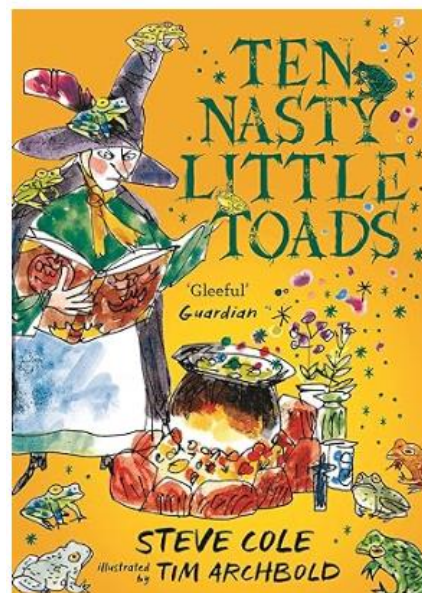


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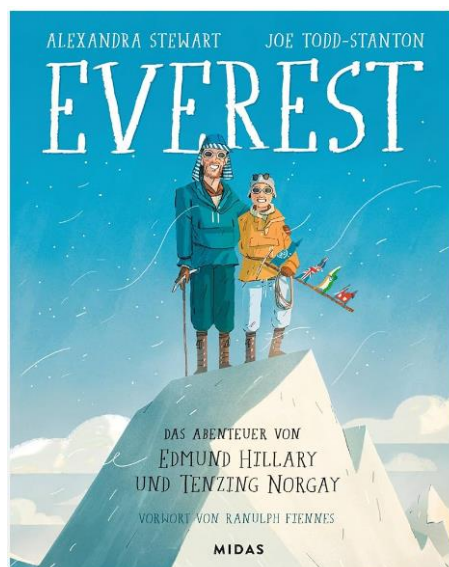
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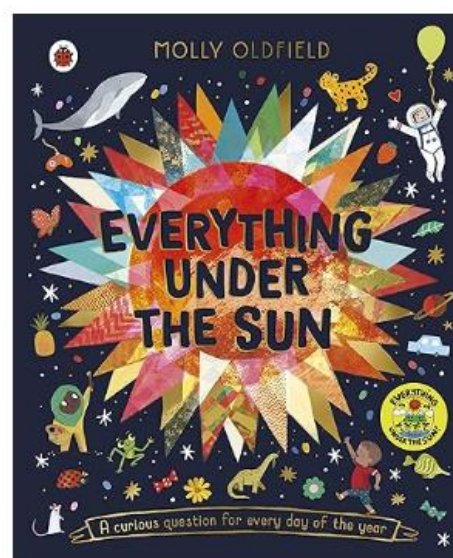
Many thanks to Annabelle for
donating this book on the occasion of
her 6th Birthday



Many thanks to Jayden for donating
this book on the occasion of his 7th
Birthday



Many thanks to Ashton for donating
this book on the occasion of his 7th
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Happy Birthday to **Freddie P** who has celebrated his birthday recently!



HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	56	145
Barenton	55	123
Bassett	140	272
Bury	25	121

Well done Bassett!

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A poster for the Thriplow School PTA Summer Solstice Party. The background is a large orange circle with a teal gradient at the top and bottom. At the top, a string of colorful lights hangs across the circle. The text 'THRILOW SCHOOL PTA INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR' is in small black capital letters. Below it, 'SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY' is written in large, white, hand-drawn capital letters. Underneath, 'Saturday 15 June 2024' and '7pm 'til midnight' are in white sans-serif font. At the bottom of the circle, there are silhouettes of various plants and flowers. Below the circle, on a dark teal background, there are two columns of text. The left column says 'Enjoy a long summer's evening under a beautiful sailcloth marquee in the grounds of Thriplow School' and 'www.facebook.com/thriplowsummersolsticeparty'. The right column says 'Tickets £40 + booking fee includes welcome drink, food from Duxford Hog Roast, and an incredible evening of music' and 'Proceeds go to Thriplow Primary School PTA'. At the very bottom, there are logos for KWS, PINKSTER, S2e, and THRILOW FARMS, along with a QR code and ticket information.

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SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY

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Generously
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PINKSTER
AGREABLY BRITISH GIN

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THRILOW
FARMS

Tickets on sale at
www.tickettailor.com
or scan QR code



Barrow of Booze

The committee are collecting bottles for this prize at the Summer Solstice Party. Maybe you have too much gin for the cupboard, too much white wine if you're a red wine drinker? Please hand in any donations of bottles or crates to office.

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THRIPLLOW SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS



SAWSTON FUN RUN & WALK

Starts 10.30am
Sunday 12th May 2024
3.8km (short route) or 7.4km (long route)
at Sawston Village College

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Run or Walk (3.8km or 7.4km)

- Register to run at www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk (or scan the QR code)
- Enter 'THRIPLLOW SCHOOL' as the team name
- Ask your friends and family to sponsor you on the Thriplow PTA team sponsorship page:
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/sawston-fun-run>
- Meet other runners from Thriplow School at 10am for a team photo and warm-up by the tennis courts
- Dress in yellow encouraged so that supporters can spot you!
- Wear your medal with pride!



REGISTRATION

3. Volunteer at the Thriplow PTA stall

- Help to fundraise by volunteering on the PTA stall at the event (we will only run a stall if we get enough volunteers)
- Parents and children who want to help please email
pta@thriplow.cambs.sch.uk
- All funds raised on the stall will go to Thriplow PTA

2. Support the runners

- Come and cheer on the runners!
- Supporters will meet outside the Brickhouse café (corner of Link Road)
- Donate to the sponsorship page



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship raised will be split 50/50 between the PTA and the Fun Run charity fund

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Breakfast Club at Ladybird



Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years

Registration
forms can be
found on the
School
Website



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30

Spaces are now limited at Breakfast Club.
If you require regular sessions that are not
already booked with us, please contact us on
ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com as soon
as possible.
Please note, ad-hoc sessions can't be
guaranteed.



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What have we been up to recently?



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