



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe

It's hard to believe it is 1<sup>st</sup> December already and there are only two weeks of this term left to go! Christmas is always a very exciting time in primary schools and there is a huge amount going on in all the Exe Valley Federation schools to get ready for nativity plays, carol services and parties. For most children this is a wonderful time of year when we do lots of different things during the school day but for some children the change of routine and all the excitement can be really challenging as everything that is familiar changes for two weeks. If your child does find these two weeks difficult, please do let us know so that we can help prepare him or her for all the different things that are happening so that they can enjoy the Christmas season with everyone else.

### Federation Christmas Carol Service



For the first time we will be holding a Federation Christmas Carol Service with children from all four schools taking part in lots of different ways. The Carol Service will be held at Crediton Parish Church (the largest venue we could find nearby) on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 11.00am. All parents and friends of the schools are welcome to join us so please put this date in your diaries. Our lovely cooks are providing lunch for everyone who signs up for it on the day and we will be eating together in the St Boniface Centre. If your child normally brings a packed lunch that is fine too but it would help if it was in a disposable bag rather than a lunchbox on this occasion.

### Safeguarding Training

We take our responsibilities for keeping children safe at school and beyond very seriously and offer regular training sessions for parents and volunteers to attend. If you volunteer to work with children on a regular basis or could be on your own with school children at any time, then you need to have completed this training. The next courses will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9.00am at Newton St Cyres and repeated on the same day at 7.30pm at Brampford Speke. Please let your child's school office know if you are intending to come to either session.

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**From Mrs Parkes**  
**Class 2's Disco**



Class 2 have really enjoyed the end to their 'Playlist' topic this week. They invited the parents in and taught them how to use green screen to create our own videos and also how to do touch typing. On Tuesday night, they really enjoyed their Federation disco, dancing with many of their friends from the other schools. Miss Holmes has been really impressed with the children's maturity, sense of fun and enthusiasm while working on this topic and she really enjoyed dancing with the children to the Macarena, too! Thanks to the children's fantastic persuasive writing during the project, they have now raised £157.33 for Green Peace. We would like to thank Stuart Peters for being disc jockey and bringing along all his disco equipment, Becci Mason for lending us her selfie screen and Tesco for donating snacks for us to sell and raise funds for Greenpeace. The children also sold glow sticks kindly donated by Miss Holmes' mum. Well done Class 2!

**Crediton Area Swimming Gala**

On Wednesday, a group of children from Class 3 represented the school at the Crediton area swimming gala at Lords Meadow. Our amazing team did really well. They came fifth overall out of 12 teams and were the first of the Federation teams. We are very proud of their efforts. The children showed great determination and perseverance in all the events and really enjoyed their time there.



**Class 2's Sports Sessions at Lords Meadow**

The children in Class 2 have had their last day of sports at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre today. They ended their sessions with a swimming gala and a fun session in the pool and a bench ball competition. I would like to thank Tammi and her students for all their support with the sports sessions this term.

**Online Safety**

On Monday PCSO Anna ROBERTS came in and taught each of the classes about online safety. Police use the Thinkuknow resources which is an award-winning education programme from the National Crime Agency's child protection command, CEOP. It aims to keep children safe from abuse, both online and off.

It is vital to educate children about keeping safe online and the potential dangers out there. Although this is important, it is more important that as parents and carers you are safeguarding them whilst they use the internet. There is plenty of information and support available for parents at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents).

Here are some quick tips:

- Talk to your children about what they are doing online
- Look at their browsing internet history

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- Set appropriate boundaries
- Use the internet in a family space like kitchen or living room
- Use parental controls on all devices, sites and apps. Most search engines have settings available to use.
- Do you know who they are talking to?

Most of all, we want your children to enjoy using the internet and keep safe.

Please also see the Fact Sheet on Child Safety on YouTube at the end of this newsletter.

### Christmas Tree

I would like to thank the Ayre family very much for donating a lovely Christmas tree to school. It now has pride of place in our hall.



### School Band



The School Band will be joining forces with bands from the other schools in the Federation to play at the Carol Service in Crediton Church. Next Friday there will be a Federation band practice at Thorverton – so please remember your instruments on Friday! There will also be a practice at Crediton Church at 9am on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will need some help with transport for this and if your child is involved you will receive a separate letter.

### Posada

It is 1<sup>st</sup> December and Mary and Joseph can start their Christmas journey. Please sign up in the office for a date to offer the little wooden figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey a home for the night. The Colebrookes have brought these to school from the church for us to borrow. There is only one Mary and Joseph so 14 ‘hosts’ are needed from the school before the end of term. The pack will need to be returned each morning or at the end of the weekend ready to pass on to the next ‘host’. Mary and Joseph will continue their journey beyond then up to Christmas Day when they will arrive at the Parish Church where all are welcomed to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



### School Council’s Art Competition

The closing date for the School Council’s art competition for all the children in the school is next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. The theme is “Winter”.

### Top Table

Mr Martin enjoyed his lunch at Top Table this week with Phoeynx, George, Charlotte, Jaime, Harriet and Rebecca.



### Peanut Allergy

We have a child in school with a peanut allergy, so we would ask you please not to provide your children with any snacks or packed lunch items containing nuts of any sort. Thank you for your understanding.

### Royal British Legion Collection

Penny Fice has thanked the school for our help with the poppy appeal. Our sale of poppies raised £21.45 for the Royal British Legion. Overall they raised £3220 in Thorverton.

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### **Holidays During Term Time**

The DfE's guidance is clear that holidays during term time will not be authorised by Heads of School and could lead to a fixed penalty fine being issued by Education Welfare Officers. Recently, there have been some instances of parents calling into school to say that their children are ill when in fact they are on holiday. This puts children under huge pressure on their return to school as they have to cover up what they have been doing, not to mention the message this sends about telling the truth. If we have reason to believe that a child is on holiday and not ill (from Facebook for example) then we can refer families to the Education Welfare Service. Honesty really is the best policy!

### **Vision Testing for Children**

The school nursing service used to routinely test children's eyesight in Reception, however, this no longer happens. Parents can take their child to any optician for a sight test, especially if children are experiencing headaches or struggle to see things in the distance. There is no charge for this by opticians so it is really well worth booking an appointment soon.

### **PTFA Events**

#### **Christmas Fair, Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 2.30pm - 4.30pm**



A great start to the festive season! Come and join the fun, lots of stalls - crafts, chocolate tombola, toys and books, refreshments, sweets, cakes and several very imaginative games run by the children! If you are interested in having your own stall please get in touch with Georgia, Rachel or Elaine. We are also looking for donations of second-hand toys and books, cakes and raffle prizes. Please bring your donations into the office.

#### **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Thorverton Memorial Hall, Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 5.30pm**

Everyone is very welcome to come along to see Father Christmas light the Memorial Hall's Christmas tree. There will be a children's disco afterwards.

#### **Family Service, Thorverton Parish Church, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Everybody is very welcome to attend the family service in the church on Sunday week. The service starts at 10am and the church will be open from 9.30am.

### **Thorverton Bridge Closure**

Devon Highways Department have let us know that the road closure at Thorverton Bridge is scheduled to start on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and is anticipated to last for about two weeks. Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to cross the bridge during the road closure.

### **Christmas Pantomime at the Barnfield Theatre**

Emily Meldon and Ollie Morrish, two aspiring thespians from Brampford Speke School, have successfully auditioned for Beauty and The Beast, this year's pantomime being performed by the Exeter Little Theatre Company at the Barnfield Theatre in Exeter. Emily and Ollie have both been working hard to learn their lines and some challenging choreography alongside the adult cast. If you are looking for a great family Panto to watch this Christmas, Emily and Ollie would love to have your support, they are performing on the following dates: 21st December, 7pm, 23rd December, 2pm, 27th December, 7pm, 29th December, 7pm, 30th December, 4pm, 1st January, 2pm, 4th January, 7pm, 6th January, 2pm (show sold out).

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## *Collective Worship Dates*

Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	"A Christmas Carol" and Carol service in church
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 11am	Federation Christmas Carol Service, Crediton Parish Church

## *Diary Dates*

Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 3pm	Drum concert (Tony Price's drum pupils)
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 3pm	Guitar concert (Mrs Cutler's guitar pupils)
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of autumn term
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of spring term (3 <sup>rd</sup> January is a non-pupil day)

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkees*

Head of School

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# Child safety on YouTube: parent factsheet

## What is the problem?

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube.

These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist. The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos.

YouTube says that such videos will be age-restricted *if they are reported by users*, so they cannot be viewed by anyone under 18.

This factsheet explains how you can protect your child when they are using YouTube apps or the website.

## What safety options are there on YouTube Kids?

The YouTube Kids app **automatically filters out inappropriate content**. However, YouTube explains that "no algorithm is perfect" and "your child might find content you don't want him or her to watch".

To help protect your child in YouTube Kids, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode and click 'Settings'. Here you can:

- Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off
- Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'

You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:

- Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' or 'Block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video
- Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode

To report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate, use the 'flagging function': tap the flag icon next to a video or comment and select your reason for flagging.

The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly.

## What safety options are there on YouTube?

### Turn on 'restricted mode'

This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content. YouTube says that "no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content". To do this:

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- On the website: click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'
- In the app: tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

### **Flag inappropriate videos**

If you think a video or a comment on a video is inappropriate, you can use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check it and decide whether to block or restrict it:

- Tap or click the flag icon next to a video or comment and select the reason for flagging  
Flagged content is constantly reviewed to check for any violation of YouTube's Community Guidelines.

## **How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?**

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones
- Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them
- Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it
- Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name
- Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process

## **Where else can I go for support?**

[Policies, safety and reporting, YouTube:](https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248)

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[Privacy complaint process, YouTube:](https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443) <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443>

[YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube:](https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504) <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504>

The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## **Sources for this factsheet**

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](https://www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding), in collaboration with [National Online Safety](https://nationalonlinesafety.com/): [www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding](https://www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding) and <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

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