St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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Happy New Year to you All

A note on worship...

<u>Courage</u>



Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'

Joshua 1.9

This week we learned that it takes courage to step outside of your comfort zone. No one likes to do things that make them feel uncomfortable. But with some courage, we can overcome this feeling. We looked at what courage is and how we get courage. We also watched a video about Eric Liddell and the courage he had to do something different at the 1924 Olympic Games.



Penelope, Benjamin, Madison, Grayson, Maisie, Chester, Willow, Brady, Frankie B. and Freddie B.

Well done to you all!

Events for the Week

<u>Beginning</u>

<u>13.11.23</u>

<u>Monday</u>

Ukulele lessons

Brass Lessons

After school Multi Games for years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Parent's Association Meeting

<u>Tuesday</u>

Keyboard, strings and woodwind lessons

After school football for years 4, 5 and 6

<u>Wednesday</u>

Guitar lessons

After school multi-skills for years 1 and 2

Thursday

After school dodgeball for years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Dodgeball Tournament at Hollingworth Academy

<u>Friday</u>

Oldham Mountain Rescue to visit Amethyst Class

From the office...

- Please ensure that school dinners are ordered by midnight on Sunday for the following week.
- Thank you to those who remembered to order school dinners this week. It is very much appreciated.
- Children taking part in after school sports need to bring a PE kit to school to change into if it is not their usual PE day.
- Please send back emergency contact cards to the school office
- Holiday dates have been sent to all parents via School Spider
- Please return any after school activity club slips back to school on Monday morning
- Please return any Reindeer Run Sponsor Money as soon as possible. Thank you

<u>Jewellery</u>

There is an increasing number of children wearing jewellery for school. Children can wear a small watch and a single pair of stud ear rings, all other jewellery needs to stay at home. Earrings should be removed at home on PE Days unless they can take them out themselves.

Children with jewellery will be asked to remove it and take it home. We do not want precious items to get broken or lost nor do we want injuries caused by children wearing jewellery.

Thank you for your support.

Parent's Association

There will be a short meeting on Monday 15th January straight after school to discuss the development of the Parent's Association. Anyone interested in finding out more about how it works and what its role is, is more than welcome to join the meeting.

Keeping Children Safe

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. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OI(O)SHARING PH



INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't *completely* control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

NAMES OF TAXABLE PARTY.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image services commonplace image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions. -----

MISUSE OF IMAGES

nce something's been shared nline, it's almost impossible to et it deleted. Photos can show get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as ore inappropriate reasons, such /ber-bullying or serious forms of oloitation.

Schoolisoften a time chock-full of milestanes for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In to day (s digital age, sharing line ges of such precious moments on social media is common place, and – while that is a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Curguide can be parents and care stoconsider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their child renomine.



ONLINE GROOMING

hi. Pictures that convey details Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

PRESSURE TO PLEASE When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

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IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, thei emotional wellbeing. quently, their

dvice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

ke sure your social media's secure in term Itent or see your location (only family and

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN



When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting thei photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversatio advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

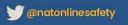
Meet Our Expert

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