

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December

Fri 1st – FINAL assemblies of the year

6T on farm trip

Wed 6th – PTA Christmas Discos! 3:15 – 4:15 (Rec & KS1) & 4:30 – 5:30 (KS2)

Fri 8th – Y5/6K Farm Trip

Tue 12th – 9:15am Butterfly & Reception Xmas Performance

10:15am KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Xmas Performance

Wed 13th – 1:15pm Butterfly & Reception Xmas Performance

2:15pm KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Performance

Thur 14th – Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner

Day. £1 suggested donation to charity

Fri 15th – 9am & 2:30pm KS2 Carol Concert

10:30am Caterpillars finish for Christmas

11 – 12 NEW Caterpillars Stay & Play

3:15pm ALL FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS

January

Tue 2nd – INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Wed 3rd – ALL pupils back for spring term

Residentials: please put these dates in your diary:

Year 4 Residential to London: 21st – 22nd March 2024

Year 2 Residential to Tattenhall: 3rd – 4th July 2024

Year 6 Residential to Min-y-Don: 8th – 12th July 2024

Final call for Christmas

Disco tickets



Wednesday 6th December

3:15 - 4:15 (Rec & KS1)

4:30 – 5:30 (KS2)

£1.50 per ticket, which includes a drink and snack

ASK ME ABOUT...

We hope our families enjoyed the first week of 'Tell Me About'? Maybe even the grown-ups learned something new! Try the following this week;

Caterpillars: singing 3 Little Aliens in a Flying Saucer

Butterflies: the friend you made for Leafman

Reception: number of the week

1Mc: opaque

1/2T: transparent and translucent

2M: what Katie saw in London

3U: different types of teeth

3/4T: counting to 10 in French

4G: the process of human digestion

5I: what a year is

5/6K: deserts of the world

6T: how to convert improper & mixed number fractions!

TICKETS FOR PERFORMANCES

All children have now had a letter regarding tickets for their performances. Please ensure you send your slip back with your ticket request so that we can ensure we are meeting health and safety regulations in the hall and so that no families are disappointed. EYFS & KS1 is a maximum of 3 per child, KS2 is a maximum of 2 per child. Please note, this is in total, not per performance.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As always, our PTA have kindly arranged for a Christmas Raffle for parents. Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after all of the performances and then the raffle prizes will be drawn after the final KS2 performance on the last day of term. Those with winning tickets who are not present, will be called to come and collect their prize at the end of the day. Tickets will be £1 per strip.



Festive Fun

Ellesmere Port Library

Tuesday 19 December

10.30am-1.00pm

Zoe Saunders Christmas storytelling and illustrations.
Packed lunch.

Wednesday 20 December

10.30am-1.00pm

Crafts with Jake from Theatre Porto.
Packed lunch.

Thursday 21 December

10.30am-1.00pm

Gingerbread men decorating.
Christmas Bingo.
Festive Feast

Little Sutton Library

Thursday 21 December

10.30am-2.00pm

Gingerbread men decorating.
Zoe Saunders Christmas storytelling and illustrations.
Christmas Bingo
Festive Feast

Hope Farm Library

Friday 22 December

10.30am-2.00pm

Gingerbread men decorating.
Zoe Saunders Christmas storytelling and illustrations.
Christmas Bingo.
Festive Feast.

**Book your place at the library. An adult must accompany
each child**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



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