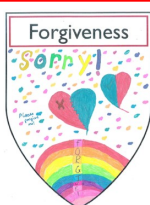


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Oldswinford with carols galore and preparations for our Christmas Fayre this evening. We hope lots of you will be able to join us to help raise money for our school. It is brilliant to be holding a fayre again after 2 years without. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for all their hard work.

Hope to see you later and have a lovely weekend, Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

Love

This week the worship group taught us about Advent and what the different colour candles mean on our advent wreath. We also had our open he book team in school and our house captains Fraser and Suranne lead a brilliant St Andrew's day worship. Thank you everyone for your contributions

Household Support Fund

We have been asked to forward this to all parents/carers: Household support fund – help with cost of living during the winter time. This scheme is to help if you are struggling to pay your bills due to the cost of living increases. It is a one off payment made to eligible households in Dudley Borough. To apply, you will need to meet certain criteria and complete an application form.

Who can apply?

You can make an application if you live in the Dudley Borough and: You are the only adult in the household and your gross income, including wages and any other income (for example, pensions and all benefits), is less than £35,000 per year and your savings are less than £6000.

Or

You are a multi person household (this includes your partner, children or and anyone else that lives with you) and your joint gross income, including wages and any other income (for example pensions and all benefits), are less than £45,000 per year and your savings are less than £6000.

You will also need to tell us why you are struggling to pay your bills. People who are eligible will receive a minimum one off payment of £150.

How to apply: Once you have logged in to apply for the household support fund, you can either search through a drop-down list for Dudley Council or input a 'quick code' to take you directly through to our application form. The code for Dudley's household support Fund is 425BNP.

Online applications can be completed via the link <https://grantapproval.co.uk/> full details are available on the Dudley Council Website <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/household-support-fund/>

Christmas Wreath Making

In association with forest school
Sunday is fully booked but Saturday 10th
December 2pm-5pm has places still available
£30 per person - to book call 07540261239

Christmas Fayre!

Don't forget to join us in school between
5.30 and 7.30 on the 2nd December for our
Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you to our
PTA who are busy getting ready for this
exciting event!

4 O'Clock Church

Don't miss out on St Mary's wonderful



We will be holding one of our most loved services of the
Christmas Season, Christingle.
This very special service is aimed at families with children.

Sunday 4th December 4.00 pm

www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk
Rectory Rd, Old Swinford, DY8 2HA

Christmas Tree Festival 2022

**St. Peter's Church, Pedmore,
Stourbridge DY9 0SW.**

Over 30 trees on show from 2ft up to 8ft

In support of

St. Peter's Church

Mary Stevens Hospice

Dementia Services Russell Hall Hospital

**4 day Christmas Tree Festival open to the
public From**

Thursday 1st December till

Sunday 4th December

Church Opening times from

12pm - 6pm

Tombola and raffle on offer

Tea and coffee and mince pies available

Free Entry

For more information please contact

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Christmas Yoga

Help your little one calm down amidst the Christmas chaos with our fun & festive LittleYoga class!

Yoga can help children manage their own emotions, boost their self-esteem and improve their concentration (plus, it's lots of fun!)



For more information and to book your place, drop us an email at

HELLO@LITTLETHINK.CO.UK

Monday 12th
December
4.00-5.00pm

The Bridge House,
11 New Road,
Stourbridge,
DY8 1PH



LittleYoga

6 SESSIONS

£42

INCLUDES A STARTER KIT!

FIND OUT MORE



Dear Parents/Carers,

Squash Stars – a fun, new sports programme to introduce kids to the exciting game of squash - returns in February. This six-week programme created by England Squash, enables kids aged 5-9 the chance to pick up a racket and begin a lifelong love of the game. Sports clubs in the area are delivering the programme and you can book your child onto the February intake now.

Your child will be taught the skills to play squash, develop hand-eye coordination, be fit and healthy and make friends. All sessions include match play through action-packed fun games and drills and delivered by specially trained leaders.

Sessions are taking place right on your doorstep and you can book a place at www.squashstars.co.uk.