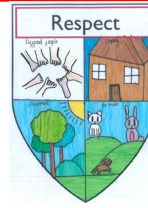
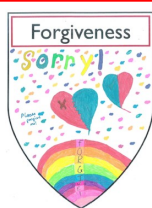


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I know it is a really busy time of year so I have tried to put all the dates below of things that have been planned between now and Christmas. The dates are for the whole school so some of them may not apply to you but we thought it would be useful to have them all in one place.

Useful dates...

Monday 21st Nov	Mufti Day and England Match - wear red and white or England football kits Sport Event at Windsor High - you will have had a ParentMail if this applies to you.
21st-25th Nov	Cuddly toys and Christmas jumpers being collected under the canopy each morning - PTA
Monday 28th Nov	Year 3 Tudor Day
28th-2nd Dec	Year 4 and 6 various dates across the week for Bikeability - see letters sent home
Tuesday 29th Nov	Mufti Day for Christmas Fayre donations - bottles and chocolates
Wednesday 30th Nov	St Andrew's Day - children in this house to wear blue Nasal Flu Vaccinations for all children who have given permission
Thurs/Fri 1st/2nd Dec	Donations of cakes and mince pies for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 2nd Dec	Christmas Fayre 5.30-7.30 Year 4 Glass Fusing Event Provisional date for Year 5 Redhill Music visit (more info to follow) Last date for donations of children's winter coats age 2-12 (more info on the next page)
Tuesday 6th Dec	Choir visits - more information to follow
Wednesday 7th Dec	Christmas Dinner FSL and FSC Nativity play at 10am
Thursday 8th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play at 2pm Christmas Jumper Day - no donation just wear a Christmas item of clothing... or make your own!
Friday 9th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play at 2pm
Sat/Sun 10th/11th Dec	Wreath Making - PTA event
Monday 12th Dec	Year 3 and Year 6 Christmas Party (more info on the next page about parties)
Tuesday 13th Dec	Year 1 and year 5 Christmas Party Year 3-6 Carol Concert at 5.30 - children to arrive at 5.15pm wearing full school uniform. (this is a new time as it clashed with a World Cup Football match)
Wednesday 14th Dec	Year 2 and year 4 Christmas party
Thursday 15th Dec	Foundation Stage classes Christmas party Last day for food bank donations (more info on the next page)
Friday 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 4th Jan	Children back to school

Value of the half term...

Love

This week we have been lucky enough to invite our Open the Book Team into worship. They shared the Story of Ruth and Boaz and where our value of love could be seen I hope you managed to see the photos on DOJO - they are back in a couple of weeks too!

Christmas Party Information

Year groups will either be in the lower hall or the upper hall for their party.

On their party day, children will be able to come dressed in party clothes but please remember they will still be playing outside at playtimes and lunchtimes so they need to be warm and have sensible shoes.

We will send the children home with a party food box the week before the party for you to fill with some snacks for them to eat during their party. We have done this for the past couple of years and it has worked brilliantly as we've had no food waste and children get to eat the food they will enjoy.

Thank you for your support.

Food Bank

Staff in school have decided that we are going to support the Food bank this Christmas rather than doing our Secret Santa. We are happy to take any other donations that our families would like to give if you would like to help this worthy cause. We will be taking donations on the 15th December so if you would like to send something in please do so before this date.

Do you have any old Coats age 2-12?

There is a charity who are asking for winter coat donations for families who can't afford to buy new ones.

If you're having a clear out and have a coat that is no longer needed, please send it into school by the 2nd December so we can pass it on. Thank you!

Support Vouchers

Remember we have some household support vouchers in school to help with uniform or shopping. If you think your family could benefit from one of these please come and see Mrs Game on the gate or drop her a DOJO.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

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School Lottery

So far we have raised £709.60 on 'yourschoollottery'! I think that is amazing. As of today, you have a 1 in 115 chance of winning as that is how many tickets have been sold. Last week's winner won £30; that prize fund goes up or down depending on how many tickets are sold. If you want to buy tickets please go to: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>

There is also a chance of winning the national prize of a PS5 bundle or £25,000.



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