



Dates for the Diary

October

6th October– Year 3 Egyptian Workshop

2.45-3.15pm RSHE – Parent Engagement Session

9th October – Young Minds Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow

13th October – 2.45-3.15pm Y3 Topic Celebration

15th October – 2.15-3.15pm Y2 & Y6 Topic Celebration

16th October – Y6 Trip to Aylesford

HFFA School Disco

21st October -3.30-6.30pm Parents Consultations in person

Y3 & Y4 Multiplication Parent Workshop 9-9.30am

22nd October - 3.30-6.30pm Parents Consultations online

23rd October - 9.15am Harvest Mass

26th to 30th October HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

November

13th November – 3.15pm HFFA Cake Sale Y1 & Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

2.30-3.15pm Subject Showcase – More information to follow

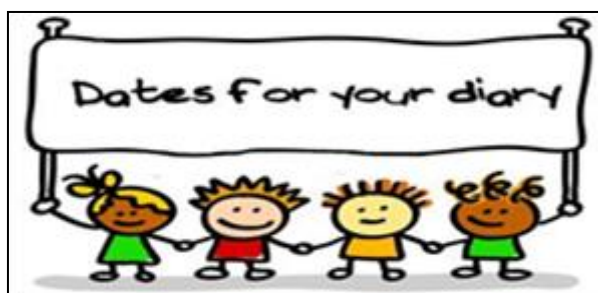
18th November – 9-10am Oracy Workshop for Parents

20th November – Children in Need- Odd Socks Day

24th November – Y2 Victorian Workshop in school hall

27th November – INSET DAY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

30th November – OCCASSIONAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED





Harvest Mass – Friday 23rd October

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for our Harvest Mass on Friday 23rd October, as we come together to give thanks for God's gifts and reflect on our theme, One World: "Love one another, as I have loved you."

From Monday 19th October, we will also be collecting Harvest donations to support those in need within our local community. We would be very grateful for donations of:

- Cereals
- Long-life semi-skimmed milk
- Tin items
- Jam
- Tea
- Coffee
- Washing-up liquid
- Toilet rolls
- Other suitable non-perishable food or household items

Thank you, as always, for your generous support and for helping us to put our faith into action by caring for others.

Our Little Library

We have a **Little Library** at the top of the playground, near the Nursery class, with a lovely selection of books for both children and adults.

Please feel free to borrow any books you would like to enjoy at home.

We also welcome **donations of good-quality books** for children and adults. If you have books at home that you no longer need, please place them in our Little Library so that other families can enjoy them too.

Happy reading! 

Topic Celebrations - 2.45pm

Parents are invited into class to see and celebrate their children's learning.

Nursery – 14th October
Reception – 20th October
Y1 – 16th October
Y2 – 15th October
Y3 – 13th October
Y4 – 16th October
Y5 – 16th October
Y6 – 15th October



Scooters and Bikes – Safety Reminder

For the safety of everyone, please ensure that your child dismounts their scooter or bike before entering or leaving the school gates.

The playground is particularly busy at these times, so please help us to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support.



Art Festival St Francis Church WGC

We are delighted that five of our pupils and one of our grandparents are exhibiting their artwork at the Autumn Art Festival this weekend.

It would be wonderful to see members of our school community there to support and celebrate their creativity.

Why not pop along and take a look? We are very proud of them! 🧐👏

Clubs for this half term

Please see a summary below of the school organised and external clubs that are running this half term:

All clubs must be booked in advance. Please contact the school office if you have any questions - 01707 375518

	Organised by school 3.15-4.15pm No charge Booked via Arbor & queries to school office	Organised by external providers Check sign up details, times and prices for each club
Mon	Card Games Club – Y1 & Y2	Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Tues	Book Club – Y5 & Y6	- Chess Club – for Y2-Y6 Contact Zahra Jaufarally @ Kings and Queens Chess Club admin@kingsandqueenschess.co.uk 07900 048446 or sign up here - Spanish Club – Reception to Y6 (3.30-4pm) www.littlelinguists.org.uk suzanne@littlelinguists.org.uk 07857 974437
Weds		Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Thurs	Homework/TTRS Club –Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6 Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or louise@everyonecooks.co.uk
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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. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TODDLERS & SCREEN TIME

The toddler years are full of excitement, exploration and energy. It's a critical time in children's development, when brain connections are rapidly forming. Youngsters often begin to discover devices around this age, as they learn to communicate with friends, play games and watch videos (Ofcom recently found, for example, that one in five 3-4-year-olds in the UK uses social media). These activities can make a child happy and relaxed but have a damaging impact if overused. Setting screen time limits for toddlers can be a challenge, so we've pulled together some suggestions for making sure your little one is interacting with the online world in a safe, healthy way.

ONLINE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ☒ **PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Children need to be shielded from content that's not age appropriate. You can do this by adjusting parental controls and safe search settings on the devices, apps and games they use.
- ☒ **ONGOING SUPERVISION**
Try to stay engaged and present in what your child is doing digitally. Make time to talk about what they enjoy and how they can stay safe online.
- ☒ **OFFERING HELP**
Teach your toddler to ask for help – and that they should always tell a trusted adult if they're unsure about anything to do with a device, or they see or hear something that makes them scared or upset.
- ☒ **COMMUNICATION IS KEY**
Emphasise that your child should check with you before they do anything online for the first time – such as watching a new show, playing a new game or exploring a new app.
- ☒ **FACE TO FACE IS ACE**
Support toddlers' development of language and other skills by prioritising games or apps that encourage face-to-face interaction – like learning to read or count with an adult.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MODEL IT Your toddler is watching and learning from you whenever you pick up your phone. Even babies are aware of screens and the attention their parents give to them. By showing you know when to put your phone down and focus on something else, you're modelling an important behaviour for them.	CONTROL IT Use tech to control tech. Most devices and individual apps have settings that allow you to restrict screen time. Decide on the right length of time and use the settings of a timer to block access. This is especially useful for very young children, who simply see it as the device 'turning off'.	ANNOUNCE IT When a toddler's screen shuts off suddenly, it can lead to frustration and tears. Let your little one mentally prepare for the end of screen time by announcing they have five minutes left, two minutes left and so on. You could also set an egg timer, alarm or buzzer to go off just before time's up.	DELAY IT Try to avoid letting children start their day with screen time. Once they're online, it can be hard to get them back offline – and can set a negative tone for the rest of the day. Routine and structure are important for toddlers, so encourage them to enjoy some other activities before the screens go on.
TRADE IT You could try offering rewards and alternatives in exchange for screen time – for example, having a device-free day to get a playdate with a friend at the weekend, or skipping screen time one evening in return for a trip to the ice cream parlour tomorrow.	EARN IT Screen time can definitely be used as a reward. You could opt for the classic "no screen time until you've tidied up your toys" or you could get creative and award screen time in relation to successful tasks: eating all of their vegetables earns 10 minutes on their device, for example.	REMOVE IT Keep family mealtimes, social gatherings, children's bedrooms and other important occasions and places screen free. Remember to turn off TVs that you aren't watching, because even background noise can distract from you spending quality face-to-face time with your young ones.	SWAP IT Put together a bag of things that your children love playing with – and get them to help choose what goes in there (items like stickers, pens, small toys, Lego or teddy bears are ideal). Then encourage them to pick something to play with from "the special bag of fun" instead of staring at a screen.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is the director of Facebook South Africa, a reporting system currently being used to combat bullying in schools and universities around the world. Facebook helps to give a voice to bystanders by encouraging them to speak up against unacceptable behaviour.



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