



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

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LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have all had a lovely weekend. A huge thank you to our school community for supporting our Children in Need fundraising efforts. Mrs Coaker and the Pupil Parliament organised 'wearing your PJs to school' in return for a donation as well as a visit from Pudsey and the Fire Service, and a bake sale at the end of the day. We are very proud of everyone's efforts and as a result we were able to raise a staggering £634.38. We have been informed that the local fire service also raised £8,027.10 for this great cause.

Night of 1000 Candles

On Saturday evening, children from our school choir led by Mrs Christie and supported by Mrs Rees, performed Christmas carols to the public as part of the Woodstock Town turning on of the Christmas lights. The children all did a wonderful job of representing the school and sang beautifully.

This Friday evening, the school choir will be performing carols, with other primary schools, at the Oxfordshire Music Service School. The children have been practising and for those of you who went along to the Night of 1000 candles on Saturday would have been treated to a sneak preview.



Parent Workshop Presentations

If you were unable to attend any of the Parent Workshops held over the term for Reading and Maths, please do take the opportunity to look through the presentations for each. There is a lot of useful information about our approaches to the curriculum.

☆ Phonics &Reading Workshop: click here

☆ Maths Workshops: click here

Christmas Dates & Performance Tickets:

Please see below a reminder of the dates of our various nativities and carol services in the church.

Phase	Date	
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 9.45am and 2.00pm	
Key Stage 1 Nativity:	Thursday 14th December 2023 at 9.45am and 2.00pm	
Years 3&4 Carol Service	Wednesday 13th December @ 6.00pm	
Years 5&6 Carol Service	Thursday 14th December @ 6.00pm	

Children will be coming home with tickets for their performances soon. As you will appreciate, tickets will be limited to 2 tickets per family for each show, as we must follow health and safety capacity on the number of people our school hall will hold. This will also apply to the church carol services, as seating capacity in the church is also limited.

Years 3 & 4 Visit to the Church

On Wednesday last week, children in Years 3 & 4 visited the Catholic Church in Woodstock as part of this term's RE learning, where they are trying to answer the question 'Are all churches the same?' The children were introduced to Parish Priest: Reverend Dr Prem J Fernando who talked about the church in detail.

North Oxfordshire Food Bank

As in previous years, we would like to support our local foodbank by organising another collection ahead of the Christmas break. As well as usual cupboard staples, it would be wonderful if we could also include donations of Christmas treats. We would like to ask that donations are brought into school on Friday 15th December 2023. You may wish to take part in a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' where each day of December, you collect items to place in an advent box and then bring them along on the 15th. Any donations however big or small are always much appreciated by the foodbank, especially at this time of year.

Many thanks for your continued support – it is always a pleasure to see so many of you at the school gates at the start and end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Poole

Deputy Headteacher



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Safeguarding Children Updates:

What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families

The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

Child Mental Health: click here

The Safeguarding Network: click here

School Photo Order Reminder

Orders placed before the end of 30th November will qualify for free delivery to school. Orders placed after that date will incur a £5 delivery charge.

Key Dates when applying for Primary School

Key dates for applications			
Key dates	Event		
1 November 2023	Applications open via Oxfordshire County Council's website.		
15 January 2024	Closing date for applications.		
29 January 2024	Last date for confirmation of change of address.		
16 April 2024	Offer letters sent by second-class post where needed and emails sent to those who applied online.		
September 2024	Start of the school year.		

Collective Worship Weekly Theme

Week Beginning: 27/11/23 Collective Worship					
Key Idea: The Ripple Effect					
Biblical Link:	Psalm 115:16 "The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind." (NIV)				
Christian Value:	Courage	Dear God, Thank you for giving us this wonderful world, Help us recognise and understand how our actions affect it, Give us the courage to choose actions that care for and protect all Creation, Amen			
Understanding Christianity Theme:	Fall				
Worship Song:	Think of a world without any flowers				

Our World





December 9th/10th 2023

Woodstock Methodist Church

Invite you and your family to:



Christmas Fun for Children

Saturday 9th December 10.30am-12.30pm Crafts, games and the Christmas story for preschoolers (with an adult) & school aged children.



All Age Christingle Service

Sunday 10th December 10.30am

Come and explore the meaning of Christingle and make your own to take home.



Christmas Tree Festival* Afternoon Tea

Sunday 10th December 2-5pm Celebrate the start of our Christmas Tree Festival* with a mince pie, cake and tea.





Hang a bauble on our Prayer Tree

From Sunday 10th December
Write your prayers, hopes and wishes for 2024 on



All Welcome

For more information contact stewards@woodstockmethodists.org.uk





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 app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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 duse, 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. 18

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.

TIKTOK FAME

50 The app has created its own celebrities: Charil D'Ameilo and Lil Nas X, for example, were cataputled 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 'Tikrok 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. Tikrok is also connected with shoply, 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. ch

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The '5titch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Due't (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media starbut it will fortify their account against predators.

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.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively sale 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

2/2 '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.

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

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.









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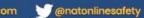


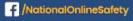














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