

# Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

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## LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well as we come to the end of a busy term.

### 25 years' service:

Mrs Zwarycz recently attended a ceremony to receive an award for colleagues that have worked for Oxfordshire County Council for 25 years. If your child/ren started with us in reception, you will know the outstanding care Trudy provides to our pupils on a daily basis. I'm sure you will want to join me in congratulating Trudy on this significant recognition, and pay tribute to her dedication, love, nurture and kindness. Thank you Trudy!



### Christmas events:

As I said at last weeks' concerts and plays, there is something truly magical about being in a primary school at Christmas time. I hope you enjoyed the range of events. We are overwhelming proud of all our pupils' performances. They really do mark the beginning of the Christmas period.







#### PTA:

Huge thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising this year's raffle and guess the baby competition. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the hampers. Congratulations to the winners!

#### Year 5 and 6 Parliament Trip:

Pupils and teachers in Years 5 and 6 visited London last Wednesday to support their current topic. They have been learning about the history of laws over time, from Magna Carta to modern day, and how parliament leads on this today. Pupils then went on to visit the Victoria Apollo Theatre to watch a production of Wicked. A fabulous day was had by all.





### Goslings class teacher:

We have recently welcomed Mrs Mankelow back from maternity leave. Mrs Mankelow will be job sharing with Mrs Boutayeb as Goslings class teacher from January. Mrs Boutayeb will work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Mrs Mankelow working Thursday and Friday.


### Foodbank collection:

Thank you for supporting last week's collection. We received this email of thanks:

*Can you pass on thanks to everyone for all the gifts collected from the school on Thursday- such a generous collection of lovely items to use in our parcels. We continue to make parcels for people and families in need. At this special time of year we add a Christmas parcel to every parcel we give. Your giving for others is always amazing thank you. Regards and thank you. Melvina on behalf of the Foodbank Team*

On behalf of all the staff and myself, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Term 3 starts on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Christian McGuinness,  
Headteacher



## 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](mailto: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](#)



## 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.

## Curriculum Class Celebration Events

Following on from the success of last year's Curriculum Celebration Assemblies, where children in each class had the opportunity to share their learning with their parents and look at the work they have been doing in class, we are pleased that dates have now been confirmed for the new terms ahead. Please put these dates into your diaries now. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with you and it is a fantastic opportunity for you to see the children in their class and their teachers.

Date @ 2.20pm	Class
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Red Kites Years 5&6
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Falcons Years 5&6
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Kingfishers Years 3&4
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Kestrels Years 5&6
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Woodpeckers Years 5&6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Cygnets Years 1&2
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Goslings Years 1&2
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Nightingales Years 3&4
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Ducklings Years 1&2
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS: Reception
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	EYFS: Nursery

## Collective Worship Weekly Theme

Week Beginning: 18/12/23		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: Special Celebration			
Biblical Link:	Luke 2:10-11 "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (NIV)		
Christian Value:	Joy	<div>Invitation prayer</div> <div>Dear God, Thank you for all the exciting things that come at this time of year, Thank you for the most special and greatest gift of all, Jesus, Amen</div>	
Understanding Christianity Theme:			
Worship Song:	Away in a Manger		

## Our World



**Let's look at this week's story**

Twinkl Picture News, a street in York, is also known as Twinkl Picture Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. The residents started putting up the lights in 2000 and since then, hundreds of people have come to visit them. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year, partly due to the ages of the residents. Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are typically paid, added to the decision.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



**UN Rights of a Child**

Our thoughts, opinions and religion can influence the events or moments we celebrate. We can choose our thoughts, opinions and religion but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



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FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION



**British Values**

**Democracy**

The residents of Twinkl Picture Way collectively decided not to decorate their homes this year. When making decisions with others, it is important to share your own thoughts, listen and show respect.





join us

Bicester Military Wives Choir is looking for a  
Musical Director

- ♪ Are you committed to using the power of music to bring women in the military community together to sing, share and support each other?
- ♪ Are you a skilled teacher and inspiring leader who enjoys meeting new people and building good working relationships?
- ♪ Can you facilitate and inspire a choir as they develop as an ensemble, whilst upholding the reputation of an established brand?

Time commitment: Weekly rehearsals every week, 1930hrs Silbaravi Centre, Ambrosden, Bicester, OX25 2RB. Leading regular events across the local area

To apply, send your CV and cover letter (two sides of A4) to Bicester@militarywiveschoirs.org by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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Part of the Military Wives Choirs, registered charity in England and Wales (1148302) & Scotland (SC045217).



Festive Outdoor Fun!

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre  
OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

Visit Hill End with family & friends this Christmas!

- 🌲 Festive crafts with natural materials
- 🌲 Christmas joke trail
- 🌲 Campfire & marshmallows
- 🌲 Woodcraft - make a decoration!
- 🌲 PLUS... the freedom to play & explore our site

Wednesday 20 December 1.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Thursday 21 December 10.00 am - 2.00pm

sorry no dogs



Online ticket bookings:

hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

£9.50 pp child / adult (U2s free)

includes a jacket potato or soup & hot drink

CHRISTMAS  
*baking workshop*  
21  
DECEMBER

10AM - 12PM  
£27 per person

22 Banbury Road, OX201LQ  
Woodstock

www.thelittlepuddings.com



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's needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of games being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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# COPING SKILLS



I STOP AND  
LISTEN TO  
MYSELF

I go jogging or walking  
I do my favourite sports  
I relax and recover  
I eat well  
I sleep



I search for more information  
I make plans  
I write things down  
I solve problems  
I make lists



I seek hope from values,  
ideas or religion  
I think about the meaning of life  
I quiet down, meditate, pray  
I am present



I try new ways of working  
I use my imagination  
I think positively  
I listen to myself  
I do cooking, drawing,  
handicrafting, writing, filming,  
podcasting, tik tokking

I LOOK FOR  
DIFFERENT WAYS  
TO RECOVER



I show my emotions; I laugh, I cry  
I talk about my feelings  
I express my emotions in different ways;  
dancing, playing music, writing, painting



I spend time with my friends  
I support others and accept support  
from others  
I turn to others for help  
I share my experiences with others

I TRY NEW  
WAYS OF  
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## Bears Club

Are you fun and enjoy spending time with children? If so, this may be for you. Bears Club are now actively seeking two assistants for five afternoons a week from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. You would be mainly working with children under the age of 5 years old. If you are interested, please send your CV and covering letter to [woodstockbearsclub@gmail.com](mailto:woodstockbearsclub@gmail.com)

Interviews will be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

### Job Description: After School Club Assistant

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Bears Club After School Assistant</b>
<b>Accountability:</b>	<b>The successful candidate will be responsible to the Manager at Bears Club and the School Business Manager</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Assembly Hall, Woodstock Primary School, Shipton Road, Woodstock</b>
<b>Hours:</b>	<b>Monday to Friday 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm term time.</b>
<b>Pay:</b>	<b>Very competitive rates per hour.</b>

#### Job Description:-

To assist in the day-to-day organisation of the After School provisions at Bears Club providing a high standard of care and play opportunities for the children between the ages of 3 to 5 years old in a safe and secure environment.

#### Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- To maintain a safe and stimulating play environment and to assist with the developing opportunities which encourage children's social, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional development through play
- Be responsible to the Club Manager and to the School Business Manager
- To assist with the planning, preparing and delivery of activities, which meet children's individual developmental needs
- To work face to face with the children registered with the Club
- To supervise teatime refreshments for the children
- To follow guidelines and procedures for Safeguarding in accordance with Bears Club policies and procedures
- To carry out any other duties which will be seen to enhance the work of Bears Club

#### Qualifications/Experience requirements:

The successful candidates will ideally hold the following qualifications or experience but if not, we can help to organise this training:

- A current DBS Certificate
- Up to date Safeguarding training
- Prevent Duty awareness training
- 12 Hour Paediatric First Aid qualification (ideal but not essential)
- Have experience of working with young children

Please contact Fiona O'Connor at [woodstockbearsclub@gmail.com](mailto:woodstockbearsclub@gmail.com) for further information.