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Autumn Term 1: 2023

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

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KS1 Christmas Nativity

Little Foxes Nativity

KS2 Christmas Concert

Good evening everyone. We are now well and truly into our Christmas celebrations. We have enjoyed the Christmas Fayre kindly organised by our Friend's Association—it was not only great fun but also a fantastic fundraising event. We have enjoyed the pantomime at The Rose Theatre and our reception classes have treated us to a delightful nativity.

Next week our celebrations continue with nativities by Little Foxes and also from our key stage one classes. In the final week we will be treated to a concert from our key stage two children and Christmas Dinner day.

Alongside all of these extra curricular activities, our children will continue to work hard and demonstrate our school values on the run up to Christmas.

Further up-dates on key events will be posted on dojo.



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 platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.



BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.



PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.



ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.



ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.



Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

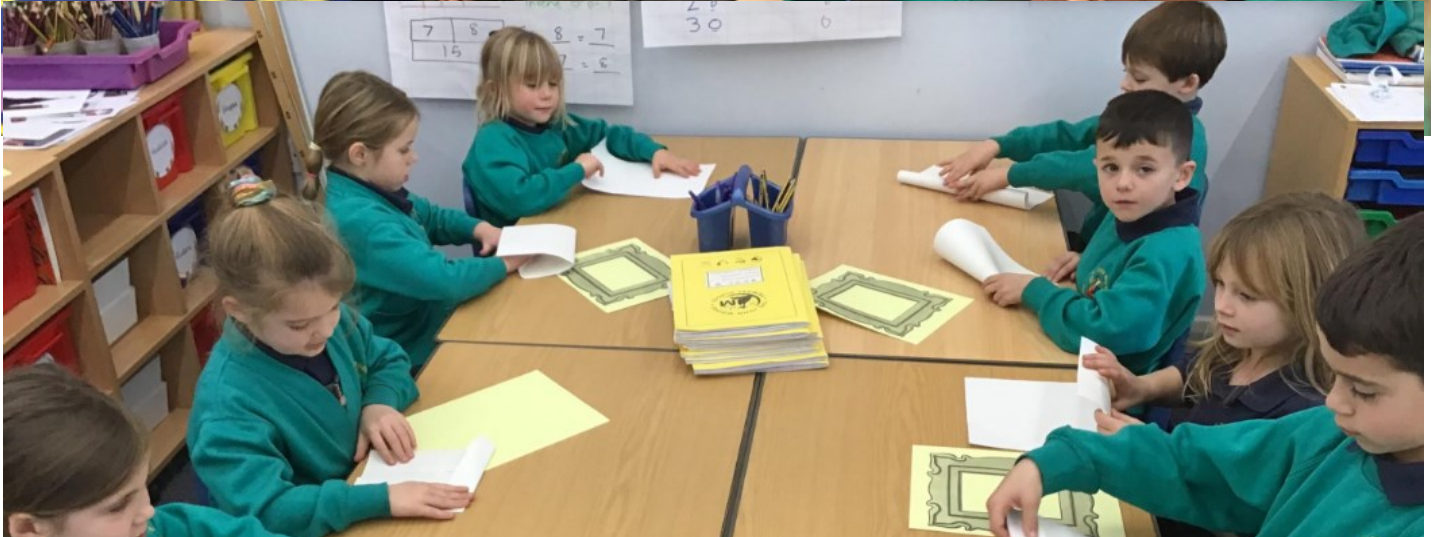


ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



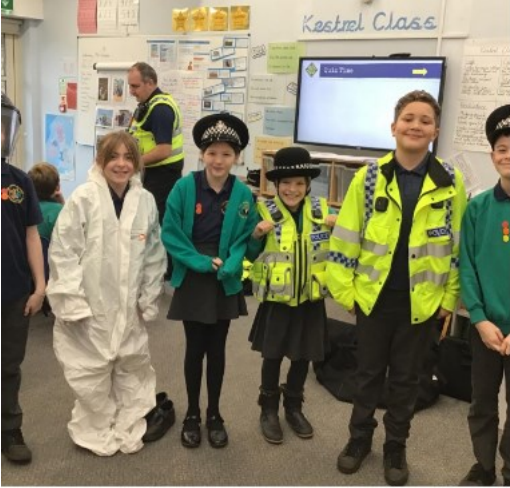
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Saturday 9th December 2023	Choir to perform in the Christmas Concert at the Roses Theatre
Tuesday 12th December 2023	Y1/2 Christmas performance @ 2pm
Thursday 14th December 2023	Little Foxes Nativity @9.15/9.30am
Thursday 14th December 2023	Finch and Hummingbird trip to Smart Trees
Thursday 14th December 2023	Y1/2 Christmas performance @6pm
Monday 18th December 2023	KS2 Christmas concert @ 6pm
Tuesday 19th December 2023	KS2 Christmas concert @ 2pm
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Christmas jumper, Christmas Dinner and Christmas parties
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Leaving celebration for Mrs Laing and Mrs Philcox—All families (past and present) are welcome to pop into the school hall from 3.30pm for a cup of tea and some cake.
Thursday 21st December 2023	End of Autumn Term
Friday 22nd December 2023	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Monday 8th January 2024	Beginning of Spring Term 2024. School opens at 8.30am