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BOOK TIME! Just 10 minutes every day.

Did you get any books? Remember, re-reading is really important too. It stimulates memory and word recognition as well as getting children familiar with a text so they feel more confident. Can you tell the Gruffalo off by heart? If so, be proud!

Welcome back – we hope you had a great break.

We have an exciting term ahead, kicking off with trips out for all classes. This is to launch our 'Hook' curriculum which will give the children an exciting stimulus to inspire their learning and curiosity. Please talk to your child about what they do in the day – they're very busy!

We look forward to working alongside parents to do the best for every child!

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please remember to make sure your child does not bring in any foods or snacks containing nuts. We have children in the school with serious allergies.

Poem competition: A poem has appeared in various places around the school. Children have been challenged to find and

Upcoming Events

SPRING TERM 2020:

6 January – 27 March.

The next Parent Forum will be on Thursday 16th January at 2.45 pm.

The next PTFA meeting will be on Thursday 16th January at 7.30 pm at The Fortescue Arms, East Allington.

learn this poem – there are prizes to be won! Learning poems is very good for memory and language – can you remember any to share with your child?

Free meal! On January 16th, our caterers are offering a free 'dragon' meal.



ESW PRIMARY
SCHOOLS
'APPRECIATE A
DRAGON' DAY

THURSDAY JANUARY 16th
2020

**FREE TO
EVERY
PUPIL**

THE MENU
CHINESE DRAGON FLAMED
CHICKEN
or
HORNED DRAGON FLAMED QUORN
with
WINGED DRAGON SCALE POTATOES
FEROCIOUS DRAGON'S GOLDEN
VEGETABLES
followed by
THE LEGENDARY DRAGON EGG
with
MOLTEN CUSTARD

ALL SCHOOLS' DRAGON COLOURING COMPETITION
THE WINNING PICTURE WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE DINING ROOMS OF ALL
ESW PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR THE NEXT YEAR
PLEASE SEE THE KITCHEN STAFF FOR A TEMPLATE AND GET YOUR PICTURES
BACK TO THEM ON FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

Attendance: Please help us work towards improving attendance – it really makes a difference. If you need any help or advice, please ask.

Current Attendance YTD:

Reception	95.70%
Class 1	96.41%
Class 2	96.96%
Class 3	93.06%
School	95.60%

Code	Attendance	Impact
Green	100%	No lessons missed
	99%	Missing around 10 lessons
	98%	Missing around 20 lessons
	97%	Missing around 30 lessons
Amber	96%	Missing about 8 days of school, up to 40 lessons
	95%	Missing about 2 weeks of school, up to 48 lessons
	93%	Missing 14 days of school, up to 66 lessons A significant amount of education lost.
Red 1	90-92%	Missing more than 3 weeks of education, up to 95 lessons A significant amount of education to lose.
Red 2	86-89%	Missing between 4-6 weeks, Up to 133 lessons missed A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on achievement.
Red 3	81-85%	Missing between 6- 8 weeks, up to 180 lessons missed A serious loss of learning.
Red 4	80% and below	Missing more than 8 weeks, more than 200 lessons missed A serious loss of learning.

Office Hours;

Monday: 8:30 – 3:30
 Tuesday: 8:30 – 10:30
 Wednesday: 8:30 – 3:30
 Thursday: 8:30 – 10:30
 Friday: 8:30 – 10:30

If you're having a post-Christmas clear out, please think of the school;

- Tractors and farm vehicles***
- Girl's pants***
- Socks***
- Toy cars***
- Doll's house***
- Doll's house furniture***
- Small cutlery***
- Role play items- shop, kitchen, fire station, police station, vets, space, construction, hairdressers.***

Thank you to all who came to the parent forum.

Parent Forum – Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7.30 pm at The Fortescue Arms, East Allington

***Pick up a poem:
Reception had fun creating this;***

Down at the farm

Oh, what a to do

A higgledy piggledy

Hullabaloo!

Listen to this

It's strange but true

The sheep goes oink

The cow goes squeak

The pig goes hello

The cat goes quack

The farmer goes baa

The mouse goes moo

The duck goes meow

Down at the farm

Oh, what a to do!

A higgledy, piggledy

HULLABALOO!

EMERGENCY PHONE LINES:

07593 070076 (Nursery, Reception and class 1)

07514 512811 (class 2 and 3)

PLEASE ONLY USE THESE NUMBERS IN AN EMERGENCY.

TALK TO US: If you would like to have a chat with your child's teacher, please make an appointment – we are always happy to talk. If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher via email, please use the school email address and not their personal or work email addresses. parent@eastallingtonprimary.org.uk

Keeping your child safe on line:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement>

Advice by age

Some children may ask to be on certain apps. Many have age guidelines (0-5, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+). The following website has some useful information:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

Parental Controls

As parents you may want to follow these two simple steps to keeping your children safe online:

1. Look up the device on YouTube by using a simple 'how-to' query, e.g. 'how to restrict in-app purchases on Playstation 4'.
2. Look at the following site for help in setting up restrictions on devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Gaming

Many children will want to use their break for gaming. This can cause challenges. You may wish to look at the following site for guidance:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Once again, Internet Matters is a useful source of information for parents:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

YouTube

There is a YouTube app or site for children (<13) and may be of use for primary aged children.

App: <https://youtube.com/kids/>

Web: <https://www.youtubekids.com/>

Social Media Advice

Once again, Internet Matters has a really useful hub for parents, it explains both the risks and the benefits:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

CLASS NEWS

Class three have been investigating forces this week. We began by discussing what a force is and looking at how different forces can affect different objects. We learnt that Isaac Newton discovered the laws of gravity when he saw an apple fall from a tree and that there is a difference between weight and mass. Not many of us knew that weight is actually measured in newtons!

Our daily experiments have seen us investigating air resistance through designing parachutes; water resistance through making and observing the buoyancy and speed of boats, and friction, through creating and testing different brake pads on skateboards.

In maths, we have been learning about regular and irregular polygons and in particular the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals.

In Forest School we were focusing on data recording. The children used pooters to capture bugs and collated their data in a tally chart, bar chart and pictogram. A second group carried out their own research and presented their findings using the same format.

It has been a busy week, crammed full of interesting facts – ask us to find out more!



Class 3 have been busy working on an entry for the NFU competition to design a new street food.

Their entry was submitted and we have attached a copy for you to enjoy.

To view all of their work, please download the free zappar app and scan the zapcode on the documents. Hover over the photo of the Beefuritto and watch as the hidden information is displayed. (please note, it can take a few seconds for the items to be displayed)



Beefurrrito

Delish Delights
DEVON



SIGNPOST

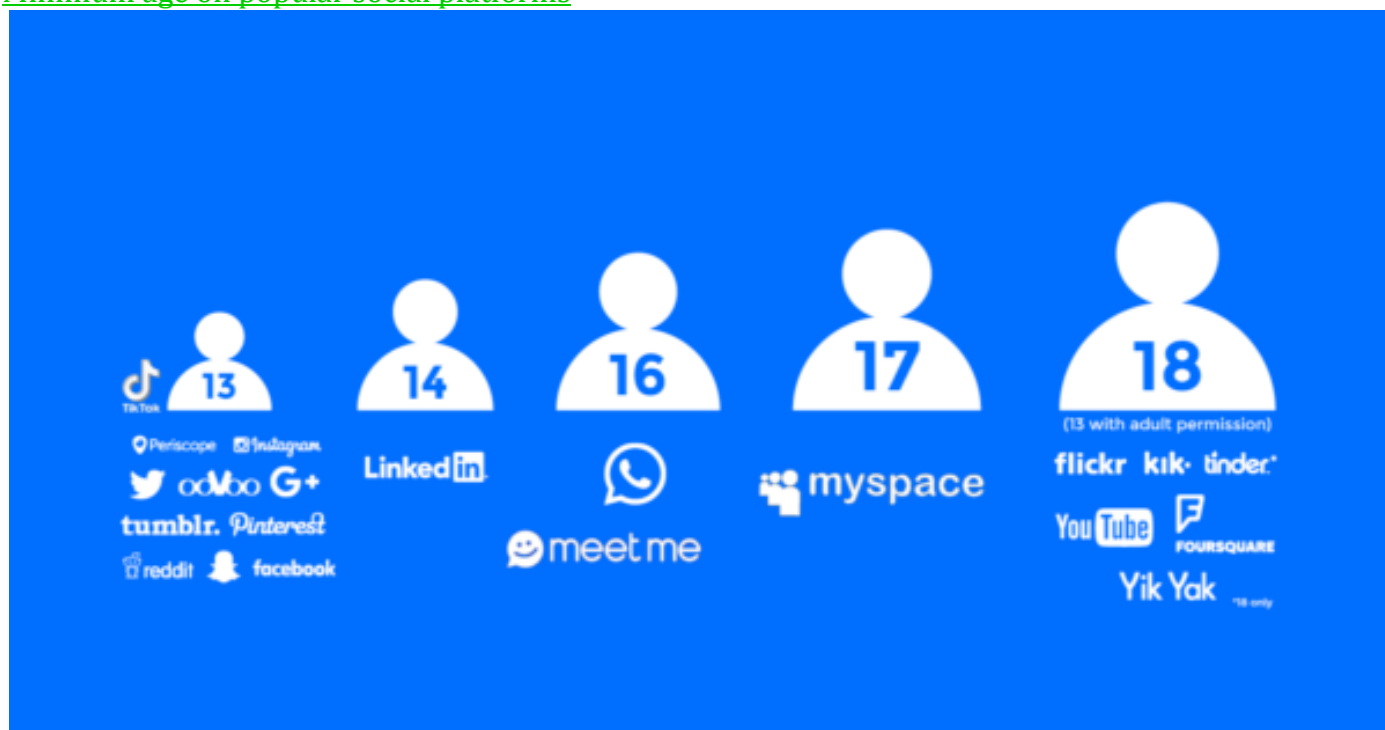


Happy new year! Many children may have received new technology such as iPads, laptops and mobile phones for Christmas. As they are so skilled at setting up these devices and adding apps, it can be difficult for us to know what every social media platform does and whether it is safe. This helpful guide taken from internetmatters.org helps parents to assess the risks their child may be facing if using these apps.

What age can my child start social networking?

As a parent it's important you know that all social networking platforms (or social networking apps, if on a smartphone) have age limits. Some social networks use technologies that mightn't be right for some ages, or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child.

Minimum age on popular social platforms



This guide to the most common social networks your child might be on serves as a guide. Each link will take you to the age reference page of the social networking platform.

What are the risks of an underage social networking account?

- Many sites include an instant message function which allows private conversations between site members
- Most social networking sites have an app version available, meaning your child will have access to the social network from their smartphone or tablet. Some app versions of social networks use the location of the phone.
- Information shared between friends can be easily copied and may spread
- It isn't easy to take back information that has been posted – and can be impossible if it's already been shared.
- Not everyone your child meets online will be who they say they are. Chatrooms and forums can connect people who are complete strangers and can be unmoderated
- Chatrooms and forums are one of the places online groomers go to connect with children. They can also be places where people use a lot of sexual language and engage in online flirting. This is sometimes done through video chat programs.



PTFA Cake Raffle



Tickets just 50p each



On sale both before and after school every day
From Sarah Hepburn-McCarthy and Bex Hiley



Winner drawn every Friday