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*I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.
John 10:10*

Ash Class News

Happy New Year Everyone! Ash Class have returned to school as keen explorers. We have begun a project about different materials, talking about what different things are made from. This week we explored ways of making 5 using the part, whole method. We have been colour mixing this week and have begun reading in groups. Well done everyone!



What a busy first full week of the year we have had at Trull School! Whilst Christmas already seems a dim and distant memory, the children have powered through the week. I am sure the tantalising sight of the new play equipment has helped to maintain their energy levels - I know how desperate they all are to start using it. We have a safety inspection booked in next week, so it shouldn't be too much longer!

Can I take this opportunity though to thank the TSF (Trull School Fundraisers) and all of you who support it so fantastically for all of your time, fundraising and contributions. We know how difficult it would be for us to have replaced our old equipment without your generosity and help; the children will benefit hugely from it and it is something which is used and loved every single day.

I know the children have settled well back into the school routine - this week they enjoyed an exciting assembly in Church and Yew Class have been very animated as the auditions for their summer term class performance have begun. Oak Class have been for their first swimming lesson of the year. Please make sure you take the time to read through the TSF Newsletter as it details some of what they do and how you can become involved.

Next week is already looking like a busy one in school. Good luck to our Girls' Football Team as they compete in the Somerset County Football Finals next Friday!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

Luke Bottomley.





Willow Class now have French pen pals! We have linked up with a school in Alsace (northeastern France) who have already sent us a letter practicing their English. We are in the process of replying in French!

Parents' Prayer Meeting

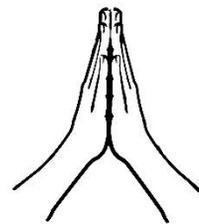
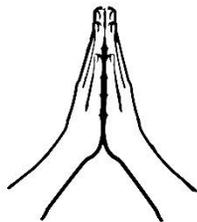
Rev Andy Wadsworth would like to invite all parents to a new initiative and an opportunity to pray for our School.

Tuesday 16th January

8.45am – 9.15am

in the School Hall.

Everyone is welcome.



Spring Term – Important dates

January

Tuesday 16th Prayer meeting in the hall for parents 8.45am – 9.15am
Wednesday 24th Y1 and Y2 Trip to SS Great Britain

February

Friday 2nd TSF School Disco (more information to follow)
Monday 5th TSF Meeting @7pm (Winchester Arms)
Tuesday 6th Parents evening
Wednesday 7th Parents evening
Friday 9th Elm Class Assembly
Monday 12th – Friday 16th Half Term
Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd Year 6 Bikeability (more information to follow)
Friday 23rd TSF Bingo



ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Maple Class!

School Vacancy

We are currently looking for staff to help in our Late Club on Fridays (3.00pm – 5.45pm). Other days are likely to become available as well.

If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact the school office at office.mailbox@trullschool.co.uk



The snow didn't fall this week, so we made a strawman in Forest School instead. The children named him Stuart!





IT'S BACK!

Plans for the Party in the Park 24 are well underway.

HELP needed in all ways.

Its your Party come along and add your ideas

Funds go to local children's groups.

Local organisations invited to be involved

Next Meeting : open to all

Monday 15th January 7:30

TCCC

refreshments and
assorted food

A range of fun activities



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Votre enfant aimerait
apprendre le français?

If you are interested in your child
learning French (or Spanish), please
contact Alyson:

alysondavenport@hotmail.com



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TAUNTON TREASURES



We are pleased to share our first inclusive taster sessions (multi-sports based) for all mainstreams primary school aged children (boys & girls age 4-11) with any additional needs or disability

Come and join our TAUNTON TREASURES on Sunday 7th January 2024 or Sunday 4th February 2024, 10:30 - 11:30 at Taunton Vale Sports Club, TA2 6LL

You'll soon find out our club is more than just a sport!

For more information or to book a space contact info@tauntonnetballclub.co.uk

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FREE ADHD Awareness Courses
Online | January - March

Expand your knowledge and understanding of ADHD and neurodiversity. Learn about differences in the ADHD brain, challenges with mental health and executive functioning skills. Discover how to manage the challenges of ADHD whilst embracing the strengths. Come and learn for yourself and those you care for or work with. Everyone is welcome.

What do I need to know?

- ✓ For beginners and more experienced learners alike.
- ✓ Zoom access required.
- ✓ *Please see our website for eligibility information.

Understanding ADHD - Starter: Wednesday 10th – 24th January 2024
5:00pm – 7:30pm | 3 Sessions

Managing ADHD - Developer: Wednesday 21st February – 6th March
5:00pm – 7:30pm | 3 Sessions

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online

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FREE Autism Awareness Courses
Online | January - March

Expand your knowledge and awareness of autism and neurodiversity. In each session you will learn about a different aspect of autism, including the key differences between the brains of neurotypical and autistic individuals, how autism affects executive functioning skills and how autism and anxiety are linked.

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Understanding Autism - Starter: Wednesday 10th – 24th January 2024
10:00am – 1:00pm | 3 Sessions

Understanding Autism: Sensory Sensitivity, Stimming and Masking:
Wednesday 21st February – 6th March | 10:00am – 1:00pm | 3 Sessions

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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 nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At myaccount.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under Broadcasting, you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

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