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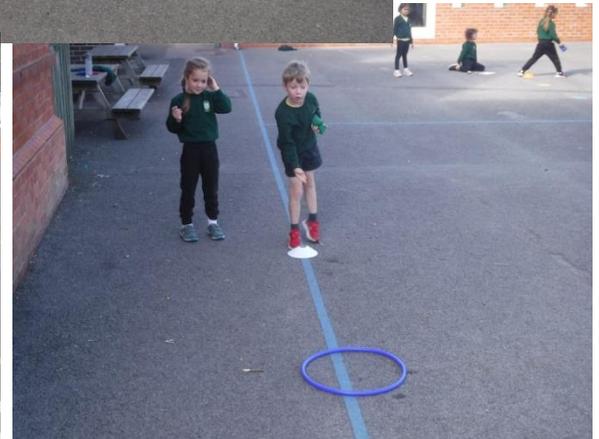
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Maple Class News

This week we did some observational drawing in art. There was a harvest theme as we carefully recreated the collections of vegetables on our tables. In PE we have been practicing our rolling and throwing skills. In the photos you can see us applying our skills to a throwing challenge, which was lots of fun.

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



Parents evenings:

On Wednesday and Thursday next week, it is parents evenings. This is a chance for you to talk to your child's class teacher and hear how they have settled in and discuss their progress. Please make sure you sign up for a slot on Scopay. The meetings will take place in your child's classroom and there will be a seat outside the classroom where you can wait.

Parent Book Look:

On 15th November 3.30pm-4.30pm parents are invited in to look at their children's work and books in their classrooms. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up on the day.



WISE UP WORKSHOPS

Empowering Parent
Carers to succeed

Workshops for Information, Support and Education (WISE up workshops) offer for parent carers of children with SEND:

Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle. To help support parent carers navigate these we have created a range of workshops based on the subjects they have told us would be helpful.

The workshop will have 2 main parts.

Part 1-will provide information and ideas of things they can try (strategies).

Part 2 - will give you time to discuss their own circumstances and form a plan of what you can try to help.

Alongside this we will also have a range of information workshops both face to face and online.

The child or young person does not need to have a diagnosis but needs to live in Somerset or be attending a Somerset education setting.

Parents can find all the information on our website

at <https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops>

Parents can book directly through the website or they can call us on 01458 259384





Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 18th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks.



2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Monday 16th October 3pm in
School Hall (dependent on weather)

Are you trying to manage some
angry behaviour?



UNDERSTANDING ANGER

23rd October 2023, 6:30-8:30pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Book online now £24 facefamilyadvice.co.uk

October 2023
Newsletter
LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Wednesday 18th Oct 18:30 - 19:30 FREE		FREE SESSION Family Meetings: Why and How
Monday 2nd Oct 18:30 - 20:30 £24		Understanding the Teenage Brain Why teens think, feel and behave differently from adults
Monday 23rd Oct 18:30 - 20:30 £24		Understanding Anger Yours and theirs - what is anger, why do we feel it and how can we manage it?
Thursday 26th Oct 18:30 - 20:30 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.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 of many apps 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

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe – with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year, Snapchat added 'My AI': a customizable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people the app recommends – but these 'friends' are merely a username, which could have anyone behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features, potentially putting them at risk from predators.

EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Challenges tempt users into spending time producing content in search of cash prizes and online fame, while it's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body-image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only you (Ghost Mode) or selected friends. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safely – but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add feature helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users that they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage your child to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have), but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind your child that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up – and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some challenges which become popular on the platform may have potentially harmful consequences.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone your child adds, unless they change the settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled (again via settings). It's safest not to add people your child doesn't know in real life – especially since the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchat users to see where your child regularly visits and checks in.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Autumn Term – Important dates

October 2023

Monday 16 th	2 nd hand uniform sale 3pm (school hall)
Wednesday 18 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 19 th	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th	INSET
Monday 23 rd Oct – Friday 27 th Oct	HALF TERM

November 2023

Friday 10 th	Remembrance Service (school only)
Wednesday 15 th	Parent Book Look (3.30pm)
Thursday 16 th	School Tour for children starting school in Sept 2024
Friday 17 th	Children in Need (Dress as someone who helps children) Yew Class Assembly
Friday 24 th	Christmas Fair (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 29 th	School Tour for children starting school in Sept 2024

December 2023

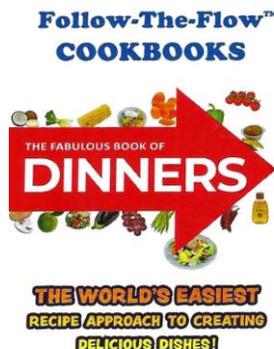
Friday 1 st	Father Christmas (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 5 th	EYFS Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 6 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 7 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Friday 8 th	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 12 th	Christingle Service in Church (school only)
Thursday 14 th	KS2 Carol Service – Y3&4 parents at 9.30am Y5&6 parents at 2pm
Friday 15 th	Christmas Dinner School Closes at 1.45pm



ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Beech and Maple Class!

Please make sure you pack a drink with your child's packed lunch, as their main water bottles stay in their classrooms.



www.follow-the-flow.com



One of our parents has just had a cookery book published. It is a great book for those learning to cook: it follows a flow diagram showing you what to do, every step of the way! A copy is available to look at in the School Office. With less than 75 days to go – it's a good present idea!



SANCTUARY

An exhibition of art by refugees and asylum seekers from many countries who have found sanctuary in Somerset.

Friday 13th October – Friday 20th
October 10am – 3pm

The Cloister
Wells Cathedral,
Chain Gate,
Cathedral Green, Wells BA5 2UE

SANTUARY is included in admission to the Cathedral



Kids & Teens First Aid



Trull Church Community
Centre

28th October

Kids 9:30-10:30 £15

Teens 10:45-12:45
£20

barnstaple.minifirstaid.co.uk



£22 all day
**PREMIER EDUCATION
 TAUNTON HOLIDAY
 CAMPS**
 9.30am-3:30pm

Tuesday 24th October 2023
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School TA4 1HZ

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY CAMP

Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

They will support you doing new rolls, balances, handstands and many more new skills.

Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day.



Work on swinging, climbing and jumping from the amazing apparatus supplied by Cotford school.

Refresh your skills before school starts again & come and meet new friends.



Please bring a packed lunch and plenty of soft drinks. Please wear sports/casual clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com
 Call Andrew- 07776 108281



Be sure to:

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£22.00 all day
**PREMIER EDUCATION
 OCTOBER HALF TERM
 HOLIDAY CAMPS**
 9.30am-3:30pm

Wednesday 25th October 2023 - Nerf/Dodgeball/TKWD Camp
Thursday 26th October 2023 - Tag-Rugby/Football Camp
Venue: Cotford St Luke PS, TA4 1HZ

Wednesday Camp - What we will be up to:

Taekwondo= Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self-defence are just a handful of TKWD techniques learnt by Sharon.

Sharon is a Level 3 TKWD coach and her club **won gold and silver at the National Poomsae champs!**

Dodgeball= Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games= Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!



Other activities :

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax! A time to meet new friends.

Thursday Camp - What we will be up too:

Football= One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-side games. Learn some new skills and improve technique. Finishing with a tournament!!

Tag-Rugby= Children will get to learn the rules and work together in teams to play a mini tournament! Improve their technique with fun, skilled games with coach Louie from Wellington Rugby.



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**MULTI-SPORT
 ACTIVITY CAMP**

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY 2023
 Tuesday 24th October 2023
 08:30 – 16:00
 £25 per day
 Trull C of E VA Primary School**

**Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell
 Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews**

* ~~max~~ 24 children per day, minimum of 10 for clubs to run.

OPEN TO CURRENT YEAR 3-YEAR 6 CHILDREN



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

alysondavenport@hotmail.com

Year 1 are now able to participate in French lessons and Spanish lessons will be for Y1-Y6

