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



Elm Class News

Last week we spent time practicing throwing and catching, as well as learning how to find space in a game. This week we applied those new skills in some small sided games, where our goal was to get the ball to our teammates on the mats without the other team intercepting it. It was great fun.

We have also been learning a lot about The Great Fire Of London, which has been part of our work in English, History, Art and Science! Hopefully we will be able to show you some of what we have discovered in our upcoming class assembly.





In Forest school this week we have been working on the importance of team work. The handprints represent helping and looking after each other and the circle shows how this is continuous and never ending.



Feb 2025



WISE UP WORKSHOPS
Empowering Parent Carers to succeed

Helping your child with sleep difficulties

Tuesday 25th February 11:00 to 13:00

@The Hub Soft Play Centre, Minehead & Online

Sleep difficulties in children can have a significant impact on the whole family. These challenges are often more common in children with disabilities or specific medical conditions.

In this session, we will explore:

- Common sleep issues experienced by children and young people.
- Practical strategies to support better sleep.

Participants will also have the opportunity to:

- Discuss personal challenges related to their child's sleep.
- Explore ways to develop a personalized approach to address these challenges.

These workshops are free to attend to book your place please go to: <https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk> or call 01458 259384



If you are interested in this workshop please email Senco@trullschool.co.uk and we will send you the link



PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our Parent Group which is part of the pilot of the new Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINIS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend). We will be joined by reps from Somerset parent carer forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

Parent Coffee Session

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Tuesday 21st January
9:00 to 10:30





KS1 DISCO - YR, Y1, Y2 (ASH, BEECH, ELM & MAPLE)

5:30PM - 6:30PM

KS2 DISCO - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (OAK, ROWAN, WILLOW & YEW)

6:45PM - 7:45PM

The Spring disco is £3.00 per child and includes a drink and small snack. Please pay the entrance fee via SCOPAY by 6pm Thursday 6th February, when bookings will close.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please let the school office or your class TSF representative know.

- KS1 will enter via the main hall doors
- KS2 children will enter via the practical area
- Children will be ticked off the register as they enter to ensure we have a list of all children present for Health and Safety reasons.
- Children are unable to bring coats/accessories/mobile phones with them
- Please note that only staff and volunteers with Trull School DBS clearance may be in the hall during the disco for safeguarding reasons.

At the end of each disco please wait by the main hall door to collect your child. The children will be grouped by class for you to collect. If parents can group together by class where possible, that would also help. Please ensure you inform the member of staff in charge of each class that you are taking your child.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for the disco to run smoothly we require 10 parent volunteers per disco and you will need a Trull School DBS to volunteer. At least two staff members will also be at each disco. If you are able to help, and you have a Trull School DBS in place or underway, you can let us know you're happy to help via SCOPAY when you make a disco booking for your child.



At The National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](https://www.wakeupwednesday.org.uk/) guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JustTalk app - a highly popular social networking platform - designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JustTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JustTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call, exclusive stickers, a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber, and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JustTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JustTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JustTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JustTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JustTalk and JustTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted - leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 92% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 - as well as finding that 29% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JustTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JustTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

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.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justtalk-kids>

Spring Term – Important Dates

February

Tuesday 4th	Parents Evening
Wednesday 5th	Parents Evening
Friday 7th	Maple Class Assembly Disco
Wednesday 12th	Open the Book Assembly
Friday 14th	Elm Class Assembly
Mon 17th to Fri 21st	HALF TERM

March

Thursday 6th	World Book Day
Wednesday 19th	Open the Book Assembly
Friday 21st	Ash Class Assembly
Friday 28th	Oak Class Assembly

Staff Vacancies

We are looking to appoint the following roles for maternity cover starting w/c 24th February 2025 until the end of December 2025:

**Teaching Assistant incorporating
Lunchtime Supervisor role**

Late Club Supervisor

For more information, please visit our website:
<https://www.trullprimary.com/staff-vacancies/>

LUNCHTIME AWARD

The class who received the most lunchtime tokens for kindness, respect and good behaviour this week is:

BEECH CLASS

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

MAPLE CLASS



Mrs Davenport teaches French on Mondays and Spanish on Tuesdays. If your child is interested in learning either language, please contact Mrs Davenport at:
alysondavenport@hotmail.com

TRULL MEMORIAL HALL

60th Anniversary Party

29th March 2025
6pm

FREE ENTRY

MUSIC, DANCING & BAR (CARD & CASH)
RAFFLE

Fancy dress encouraged from 1960s, or following eras!

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MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Monday 17th February 2025
08:30 – 16:00
£25 per day

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

OPEN TO CURRENT YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 CHILDREN

* max 24 children per day, minimum of 15 for club to run.

OPEN EVENT

QUEEN'S COLLEGE TAUNTON

FRIDAY 7 MARCH 1:30pm
Click [here](#) to register your attendance!

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