

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Thank you for supporting us by regularly testing your children with LFTs. Staff continue to test twice weekly and do daily tests if they are a contact of a positive case.

Diary Dates

Thurs 3 Feb

PTA meeting via Zoom
6:00 pm

Fri 18 Feb

Staff training day
(school closed to pupils)
**School closed for half
term holiday.**

Mon 28 Feb

School re-opens

Year 5 - Last day to pay
Robinwood deposit



During this week, we have 32 children and 5 staff off ill with COVID-19, with outbreaks in classes USA, Germany, Ireland and France. We are doing all we can to keep classes open and I personally thank staff for being flexible and stepping up to the challenge of the last few weeks. We will endeavour to keep things as normal as possible until we have recovered from this wave. Please remember that if you have any concerns you can speak to your child's teacher, myself, our Learning Mentor or ring the office. If your child needs to be off school and is well enough to complete school work at home please let the office know. Teachers can provide paper packs of work or work on Google Classroom. Chromebooks can be provided to those who are isolating and do not have access to a laptop or tablet at home. Please just ask.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

PTA meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be held via Zoom on Thursday 3rd February. All parents welcome. Join us for the meeting to find out what fund raising events are being planned for the forthcoming year.

All parents are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St. Andrew's PTA
Time: Feb 3, 2022 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91742113429?pwd=ZzRwaS9NTUcrR1hjMEF5THhzV1VQZz09>

Meeting ID: 917 4211 3429
Passcode: 691261

Robinwood 19th - 22st October 2022

Thank you to the year 5 parents who joined Mrs Jocelyn for the information meeting via Zoom this week. We hope you found it helpful.

The trip is now live on our SchoolMoney App to allow parents to pay the £50 deposit. Paying the deposit secures your child a place and is **due by Monday 28th February.**

If you were unable to join the information meeting, please take a look at the Robinwood information booklet by following the link below.

<https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/DC-Parents-Booklet-Summer-A5-Digital.pdf>



Dear God,

Please give me the strength to endure this situation, and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains.

Please give me the endurance to continue ahead.

Please guide my thoughts, words and actions, so that I walk your path of peace and love.

Amen

Times Tables

Year 3

Miss King and Miss Holt are very proud of our Year 3 pupils who have been working very hard on their 4 times tables this half term. They will be sending sheets home for them to continue practising.



Year 4

Year 4 pupils will take part in the Year 4 multiplication check in the summer term. More information about the test can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

We keep our children safe by.....

Signposting our parents to the companies and charities who can help if support is needed.

Did you know that the Noah's Ark Centre in Halifax can provide money advice and a counselling service? See their website for more information <http://www.noahsarkcentre.org.uk/> or speak to Mrs Brearley, our Senior Learning Mentor.

All creatures great and small

Last week Year 4 had some amazing visitors! Emily from Wild Science came in to talk about animals that are found in the rainforests of Brazil. The children are currently learning all about South America with a focus on one of its most famous countries. She talked about the rainforests and even brought in some animal species that could live there that the children could hold, like a millipede, snake and even a tarantula! This was definitely a memorable experience.

It was Braziliant!



Christian values

As you are aware, our Christian Value this half term is Service.

'The greatest among you will be your servant.' Matthew 23:11

Jesus exemplified in person what it meant to be called the 'servant king.' Simply, serving means to give time and resources to others, out of love, not expecting anything in return.

Some questions we will consider as a school community are:

How are we encouraged to serve one another?

How are acts of service celebrated in school?

Are school members active in service in the wider community?

Numerous adults serve the school community behind the scenes. Are you aware of who they are and what they do?

How do we show our appreciation and gratitude to those who serve us?

Some Bible stories that illustrate this value are:

A Widow and her Son (1 Kings 17)

The Paralyzed Man (Matthew 9)

Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1)

Other stories you might wish to read with your children at home which illustrate the value of Service are:

The magic paint brush by Julia Donaldson.

The mousehole by Antonia Barber.

The mouse and the lion in The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book.

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a caring, Christian community

Confident - We embrace challenge and persevere

Aspire - We aim high

Respectful - We are friends and cherish God's world

Inclusive - We welcome everyone and are all of equal worth

Nurturing - We look after each other so we can all flourish

Generous - We give to each other and our community



"Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Internet Safety - An online safety guide on YouTube Kids.

Although children of all ages often watch YouTube content directly via the website or main YouTube app, YouTube itself states that the only place children should be watching its videos is in the YouTube Kids app.

In this guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as targeted advertising, viewing time and inappropriate videos.



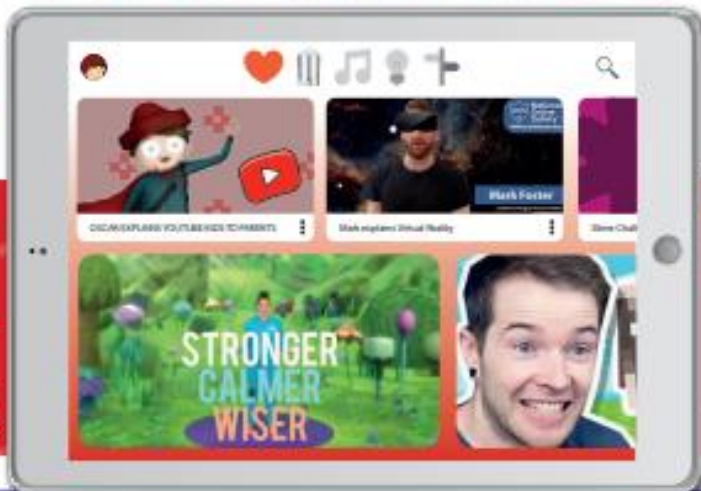
Night OWLS

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8 things parents need to know about YOUTUBE KIDS



1 SETTING UP

To set up the YouTube Kids app you need to do the following:

- 1 - Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your YouTube account.
- 2 - Specify your child's name, age and birth month.
- 3 - Select the types of videos to include in the app based on their age or select them yourself.
- 4 - If you choose to approve content yourself you will be presented with some sample videos to accept or reject. You can select collections, shows, music or learning.
- 5 - Once chosen you are ready to use the app.

2 USING THE APP

Based on how you have set it up your child can then use the app to explore a safe set of videos. It's worth noting that YouTube Kids uses algorithms to ensure safe videos rather than a personal check, so it's possible for videos to slip through. If an inappropriate video does appear you can select the menu in the top right to block and report it. This not only helps your child but also improves the YouTube Kids app as a whole.

3 ADVERTISEMENTS

It's worth remembering that even in YouTube Kids, children will still see adverts. These are marked as "Ad" and preceded by an ad intro. The types of advertisements and products are checked to follow YouTube's advertising policies which exclude things like food and beverages. However, there can be toys or other items included in videos directly by creators themselves to advertise them. You can remove adverts in YouTube Kids, like the main YouTube, by subscribing to YouTube Premium. This has the added benefit of enabling you to download videos for offline viewing and allowing you to watch videos in the background while using other apps. This can be really useful if you have a long journey to take children on.

As with television adverts and bus stop posters, it's a good idea to talk to children about how adverts work and how to recognise them. For example, you could point out the added light and sound effects or the overly exciting narration in TV ads. It's important to do this for other forms of advertising as well. It's important to understand how YouTube Kids collects information about your child's viewing habits and how this relates to advertising and video content. When they watch a video, the device, language, which videos they watch and searches they make are recorded. This is used to help suggest personalised content. It can also be used to serve contextual advertising, although the app does not allow interest-based advertising or remarketing.

4 SELECTING GREAT CONTENT

One of the best features on YouTube Kids is the ability to select channels, videos or collections of videos for your child to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to sit with your child and better understand what they want to watch. Are there particular topics or themes that resonate? Then you can click through different options in this area, and together with them choose the best matching channels.

The YouTube Kids app also enables you to disable the 'Search' feature to avoid young children stumbling upon content designed for older viewers. The app also avoids videos from inappropriate channels being suggested to watch next. If you have selected content for your child only those will come up. If you have set an age limit, only videos deemed appropriate for that age will be suggested.

5 VIEWING TIME

There are a number of ways you can administer how long a child can watch YouTube videos in a day. In the YouTube Kids app, you can set a timer before handing your child the smartphone or tablet. Once the time has run out the video will be paused.

You can also set limits on iPhones and iPads in the 'Screen Time' section of the Settings. This not only enables you to see how long they play but specify how and when they can do this. You can apply similar limits on Android devices via the Family Link app settings. Other systems like the "Circle" system or features built into your internet router enable you to set limits across multiple devices which can be useful as children will often move to another smartphone, tablet or smart TV once their time has run out on their device.

As well as helping younger children not watch longer than is healthy, this is a good tool for discussion with older kids. Talk with your child about the amount of appropriate viewing time in a day and their agree on the limits. This assures they see them as helpful rather than a punishing mechanism.

6 RESTRICTIONS

As well as using the YouTube Kids app, you can also set up restrictions on other ways your family watches YouTube. Ensure you are logged in when using YouTube and turn on 'Restricted Mode' in your User Profile. You can also set this at the bottom of the video page by clicking 'Restricted Mode: On'. Ensure that you also click the 'Lock Restricted Mode' on this browser to ensure other users can't turn it off.

7 WATCHING TOGETHER

Another good way to keep YouTube viewing positive is to spend time finding channels and content that your child will enjoy and benefit from. For example, a suggested family activity could be to get together once a month and show each other your favourite videos from the last four weeks. This not only sparks conversations about what you've watched but also enables you to share the things that you've enjoyed watching.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

For younger children, you can use the YouTube Kids app to keep tabs on what they have been watching. Tap on the 'Recommend' icon on the top of the home screen and then swipe right. You will see videos with the play button on them and a red bar at the bottom. These are the videos your child has watched. Anywhere the bar at the bottom is mostly black is a video your child has skipped.



Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a parent of three children and journalist who writes for national newspapers and broadcast television. His *Taming Gaming* book helps parents guide children to healthy play.



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#WakeUpWednesday



See details below on Night OWLS, a free crisis line for families in Calderdale

Overnight West Yorkshire Listening/Advice Service, is for all families including those with **children and young people who are looked after, adopted or have any additional needs** who are in crisis or struggling with their mental health.

Night OWLS is a confidential support line and online chat facility that helps young people get **virtual support** when they need it. It provides a **safe space** where someone can **listen and show warmth, acceptance and understanding**; offers a chance to look at ways for children and young people to cope and to keep themselves safe; supports with finding solutions to problems, **and provides information about local services for carers.**

They are available 8pm-8am every day for children, young people, parents and carers across West Yorkshire.

The service was **designed in collaboration with young people and parent/carer groups including Family Voice Calderdale** across West Yorkshire. The groups involved represent a variety of interests, **including neurodiverse needs, SEND, Mental Health, Looked After and adoption** which brings a richness of involvement in the shaping of the service, a wide representation of families' voice and understanding of needs.



**NIGHT
OWLS**

Overnight West Yorkshire
Listening/Advice Service



Night OWLS is a confidential support line for children and young people in crisis. Helping them, their parents and carers living in Bradford, Leeds, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield.

We're available

**8pm –
8am**

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for free:

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Text us on:

07984 392700

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