



The Wickford C of E School



# Newsletter

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## ATTENDANCE

**TARGET: 100%**

### WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS

WEEK: 98.4%

### CLASS ATTENDANCE:

Penguin: 97.3%

Wren: 99.1%

Puffin: 100%

Robin: 94.6%

Flamingo: 100%

Parrot: 100%

### PADDINGTONS:

Penguin:

Wren:

Puffin:

Robin:

Flamingo:

Parrot:

### GOLDEN TABLE:

Penguin: Mitchell

Wren: Amelia

Puffin: Ryan

Robin: Paige

Flamingo: Andreea

Parrot: George

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another good week at Wickford CofE!

**WELL DONE PUFFINS!** I spent time with Puffin Class during an art lesson with Mrs Hall this week, this was a great lesson and all of the children worked extremely hard. Painting and printing linked to the seasons also reflected great levels of independence.

**THE AMAZING ART WORK** I hope you have had a moment to pop in and see the art work in the hall and in the corridor. Thank you so much for those able to spare time to support us. The feedback from Art Solutions is that our children were brilliant on those days, it was an exciting, sticky few days and the results are worth all the hard work.

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** We were fortunate to host the two-minute silence in the company of two visitors from this charity. I was stunned and very, very proud of all of the children. To see and experience such an occasion for the 100 year anniversary was an honor and the children of Little Teds, Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 made us all very proud. I wanted to pass this message on.

**COMMUNICATION LETTER** A letter was sent out this week regarding the different methods of communication and can also be found on the following link; [hearts-wickfordcofe.uk](http://hearts-wickfordcofe.uk)

If you need to update your contact details then please do let the office know.

**FATHER NORBERT** If you follow us on Twitter you will have seen the lovely card we sent to Father Norbert as he starts his new post in Buckinghamshire. His beaming smile will be something I will always remember. We will miss him greatly and wish him all the love and happiness in the world.

**GEOGRAPHY DAY** Today saw children dressed up, projects talked about, food enjoyed and art work from around the world attempted. What a wonderful day it has been. Even the kitchen staff were learning new skills as they prepared Chinese food.

Caroline, our link from Village Africa also visited today, it is important for our children to meet/reaffirm connection with her and the link with Village Africa.

**LEMON GROUND WORK** We were lucky to receive a cheque from this company as part of their support for the local community. £500 is a huge amount of money and will be used for improving the outdoor area. We will keep you posted on our plans.

Thank you to them for their generosity!!



**MISS SPALDING** As you may be aware, Miss Spalding is supporting a school within our Trust who do not have a teacher in Foundation Stage.

Mrs Tarplett has loved her week in Parrot class. It has been funny to receive her photos of cinnamon dough and other creative ideas late at night!

**SURVEY** Please could you take the time to complete a very quick survey regarding the October half term holiday and your views on this. There are 2 separate links; one for KS1 and one for EYFS.

KS1 Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/97WJYKW>

EYFS Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9VBSCWW>

**SHARING ASSEMBLY** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November will be sharing assembly for year 2.

**MR CHAPMAN** On the Newsletter dated 12<sup>th</sup> October we told you of Mr Chapman's Charity Challenge. Please follow the link below to take you to his Just Giving page. Here it will tell you more about his aim and how to donate. If you would like to donate via the office, please give your donations in a sealed envelope with the details written on the front.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mr-chapman>

**FLU IMMUNISATION FORM** Please remember to return your Flu form to school before Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Even if you do not wish your child to have the immunization we still need to have the form returned.

**TOP TECH TIP** Today's TTT is all about Live Streaming, please see the attached poster.

## ***MOMENTS OF LOVELINESS***

I had the pleasure of leading Choir club this week. Many years ago this was a focus for my autumn term and the Nativity a secret love. I can promise you a treat as we prepare the traditional songs.... Away in a Manger and Silent Night await you.

Thank you to Choir club, they made my day and Mrs Woodger and Mrs Tucker were thrilled with our performances.

Miss Mesher was excited to report back about the first outdoor learning experience at the Memorial Park. Flamingo class enjoyed their 'autumn walk', the children loved it but wished for muddy puddles! Thank you to the parents who have stopped to let me know how much their child enjoyed it. Parrot class will be going next week; a little bit of rain beforehand might be nice.

## ***HIRE THE HALL***

Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office if you are interested.

Have a good weekend, see you Monday.

Mrs Johnson and the CofE team.



Live streaming is the term used to describe the broadcast of a real-time video from a mobile device, tablet or games console. Many live streaming apps have the functionality for interactions from viewers, such as commenting, live chats and sending reactions during the broadcast. Live streaming opens up a world of excitement for children, where they can watch live concerts, their favourite celebrities and bloggers/vloggers, connect with their friends, watch live gaming and much, much more. Whilst there are many positives with live streaming, it creates a worldwide platform for unsuitable content to be streamed and creates a host of dangers for children.

**98%**  
of child sex abuse live streaming victims are **13 or under**



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# What parents need to know about LIVE STREAMING



## SIGN UP PROCESS & AGE RESTRICTIONS

Most live streaming apps have the age restriction of 13 and above. It is important to note that some platforms do not require proof of age when signing up to the app, meaning that anyone can register an account. This also opens up the opportunity for people to lie about their age to seem older or younger.

## RECORDINGS OF YOUR CHILD

Each streaming app and website that allows live streaming has different rules about how they store their live videos once completed. For example, a live stream on Periscope will be automatically deleted after 24 hours but apps such as Facebook and YouTube allow the video to be posted on the app afterwards and will only be deleted once the creator decides. It is important to know that deleting a video will not stop it from being shared. A live stream can be recorded (or screenshots can be taken) by other viewers using certain softwares and then shared on other platforms. According to research conducted by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), they found that the apparently recorded illegal videos of live streams were redistributed on other sites.

## WHO IS WATCHING YOUR CHILD?

If your child's privacy settings are not set up effectively, anybody can be watching their live streams. One of the main characteristics of live streaming is its ability for videos to be instantly shared all over the world, but this creates the opportunity for more people to watch anybody.

## WHAT IS YOUR CHILD WATCHING?

Live streaming apps don't just allow children to stream their own videos, they can also watch other people's streams. Anything can be streamed, at any time and any place, including violence, graphic imagery, nudity, illegal behavior, drug use, profanities etc. Most live streaming apps claim to monitor live streams and will take action to stop any that do not adhere to their guidelines. But, with millions of live streams each day, it makes it extremely difficult to monitor every one.

## LIVE CONTENT

As the streams are live, children can be exposed to something inappropriate instantly. Most live streaming apps will have filters, rules and guidelines in place to ensure that their services are monitored. They will also have report buttons where inappropriate content will be sent for review. Keep in mind that a report may not be dealt with instantly which means your child will be further exposed to inappropriate content during a live stream.

## GROOMING

There have been recent reports of paedophiles coercing children as young as 3 on live streaming apps. Due to the anonymous nature and lack of identification needed to sign up to some apps, almost anyone has the opportunity to sign up and use the service. Users can use fake identities to sign up to the apps and watch/stream videos. Recent research by the IWF revealed that children may be asked to do things and perform 'suggestive acts' during their live stream by strangers.



National Online Safety

# Top Tips for Parents



## PROTECTING THEIR 'REP'

What your child does now may affect their future opportunities, and it is important that they have a good understanding of this. As the videos are live, it may lead to the misconception that whatever happens in the video will disappear once the live stream ends. This is incorrect. Talk to your child about how what they stream cannot be undone and has the potential to affect their online reputation.

## REMOVE LINKS TO OTHER APPS

Some live streaming apps/websites give users the ability to link and share the content through other social media platforms to share their video further. For example, a live stream on Periscope, can be shared on Twitter and Facebook during the stream, if the accounts are connected. While this may seem like a good idea to show the video to more people, the privacy settings may differ on each app, opening up the opportunity for unwanted viewers to join the stream. We suggest checking the privacy settings on each app and where possible, only streaming on one app at a time to have more control over who sees the live stream.

## TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

Ask your child what live streaming apps they are using and how they are using them. Are they watching live streams or making their own? What types of live streams do they like watching? If they are under 13, it is strongly advised that they are not using any live streaming apps due to the dangers involved, but you may feel that your child should not be using the apps even if they are over the age limit. With live streaming such a popular feature on apps, it is important that you are aware of the dangers associated with live streaming to effectively protect your child.

## BE PRESENT

In a recent study by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) over a 3 month period, 96% of streams showed a child on their own, often in their bedroom or bathroom. If your child is going to conduct a live stream, ask them if you could be present for it. This will give you an opportunity and a better understanding of what your child is doing during their live streams and who they are streaming to.

## PRIVACY SETTINGS

Each live streaming app will have its own privacy settings with options varying from platform to platform. Generally, we advise that your child's account is set to private. This will ensure that only their friends/followers will see their live stream. It is important to check each app to ensure that the privacy settings are in place to protect your child from strangers viewing their streams and engaging in conversation with them. Most apps settings will allow you to turn off the chat feature during a live stream, restricting conversations, but live chat is part of the 'fun' when it comes to live streaming.

## PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Your child may unknowingly give away personal information during a live stream, including their location. Talk to them about what constitutes as 'personal information' and make sure they do not disclose anything to anyone during a live stream, even to their friends. Advise them to remove any items in their live stream (school uniform, street name, posters etc.) that could potentially expose their location or information about them.

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