



The Wickford C of E School



Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE

TARGET: 100%

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS
WEEK: 97.7%

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

Penguin: 96.7%

Wren: 93.9%

Puffin: 97.8%

Robin: 100%

Flamingo: 99.3%

Parrot: 100%

PADDINGTONS:

Penguin: Connor, Ozan,
Ariella and Ellie

Wren: Gabriel, Thomas,
Franklin and George

Puffin: Isabelle, Teddy,
Kaitlin and Charlie

Robin: Matilda, Jake, Evie
and Dylan

Flamingo: Ivy, Max, Toby
and Jack

Parrot: Devin, Stefan,
Gabriela and Laydeen

GOLDEN TABLE:

Penguin: Hollie

Wren: Logan

Puffin: Sophie C

Robin: Ruben

Flamingo: Charlie

Parrot: Presley

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Christmas songs have begun with full force and excitement is beginning to creep into all corners of the school. Mrs Hall and Mrs Thornton have been busy with the backdrop, the teachers have introduced songs to their classes and Miss Scammell and Mrs Springall have started rehearsals! 31 days to go.....

THE LAST WEEK Clubs will finish the week beginning 3rd December, the last day of them being Friday 7th.

CASHLESS SYSTEM As a Trust we are moving to an online system and this will start in the spring term. Further details will follow.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION As you are already aware from the induction and previous letters/newsletters, in light of a serious case review, involving the death of a mother and her child a fortnight later, action points were highlighted by the investigating officers and they included:

- **Reminding and insisting that parents make contact with the school if their child is off ill.** This will ensure that the explanation for the lack of attendance is recorded and the welfare of the child is confirmed.
- The school to visit the home if no call has been made to us and if contact cannot be gained from the telephoned numbers provided.
- The police, and or, Social Care to be informed if no response can be made.

Please communicate with us promptly to avoid concern and an emergency home visit being made.

COMMUNICATION Please ensure you are accessing newsletters, Dojo/Tapestry, receiving text messages and following us on Twitter. This will ensure you are informed.

PARKING As you are aware we have two parking reminders. These have had massive impact on parking, ensuring children can access the school site with improved regard for safety.

DRUMMING ASSEMBLY Friday 30th November at 11am will be Drumming Assembly for year 2. There will be no sharing assembly that day.

LITTLE TEDS There are limited afternoon spaces available in Little Teds. If you know anyone who may be interested in a place for their 3 year old, please ask them to pop into the school office for an application form.

TOP TECH TIP This week's TTT is on Instagram. Please see the information attached.

SURVEY On last week's newsletter we gave 2 links to a survey regarding the October half term. If you have not done so, please could you access the link relevant to your child's year group and complete the survey by Monday's closing date. We have been advised the survey is only opening on computers or ipads.

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

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

FACES NEWSLETTER This week's newsletter has lots of information regarding the upcoming Christmas Celebration afternoon. Please make sure you are up to date with all the details for this fun and exciting event.

MOMENTS OF LOVELINESS

Mrs Boswell reflected on something Charlie said during Gardening Club this week; whilst sweeping leaves from beneath Olivia's sculpture he very gently asked her if he was 'showing a form of respect'. Mrs Boswell managed to reply, and with great pride confirmed it was.

What a lovely, wonderful thing to notice and say. Well done Charlie in Puffin Class!

I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Boswell, a lady who has worked at our school for many years is not intending to leave the school any time soon. A number of parents have mentioned this to her (?). She is much loved and is devoted to the school.

HIRE THE HALL

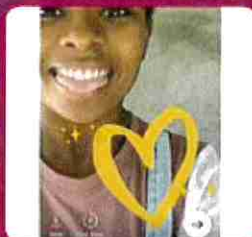
Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office if you are interested.

Have a good weekend, I am looking forward to seeing the choir perform at 1:30pm this Sunday! I hope to see you at the Wickford Christmas Event.

Mrs Johnson and the CofE team.



Instagram is an image and video sharing app that allows users to share moments with the world. The app has a live streaming feature and additional add-ons, such as 'Boomerang', 'Hyperlapse' and 'Layout', which can be used to enhance their feed. Users can choose to add filters and make adjustments to their photos, such as brightness/contrast. To make their content more 'searchable', users can include hashtags in their uploads to make them easier to find.



What parents need to know about INSTAGRAM



LIVE STREAMING TO STRANGERS

The live stream feature on Instagram allows users to connect with their friends and followers in real-time. Followers can comment on the video during the broadcast (which can be turned off in the settings). If your child has a private account, only their approved followers can see their story. It is important to note that they still may have followers that they do not know, which means they could be live streaming to strangers. A public account allows anybody to view their story. We suggest that your child goes through their followers list and blocks people they do not know. An additional risk with live streams is that your child may do something that they regret. This could be captured by a viewer taking a screenshot and further shared around the internet.

*****NEW FOR MAY 2018*****

IN-APP PAYMENTS

Instagram is rolling out in-app payments for products and services directly through the app. It will operate under the same rules as Facebook Payments, which state if you are under the age of 18, you can only use Facebook Payments with the involvement of a parent or guardian.

PHOTO / VIDEO SHARING

Posting photos and videos is Instagram's biggest selling point, so with sharing images comes risks. A photo which includes landmarks in the area, their school uniform, street name, house and even tagging in the location of the photo uploaded to Instagram can expose the child's location making it easy to locate them. If their account is not set to private, anyone can access their account and see their images.

HIJACKED HASHTAGS

Like Twitter, hashtags are an extremely prominent tool in Instagram and with that, comes potential risks for your child. One person may use a seemingly innocent hashtag with one thing in mind and before you know it, hundreds of people could be using the same hashtag for something inappropriate or dangerous that your child certainly shouldn't be exposed to.

LOCATION TAGGING

Public locations can be added to a users photos/videos and also to their stories. While this may seem like a good idea at the time, it can expose your child's location; this is particularly more of a risk if it is on their story, as it is in real-time.



DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE, BODY IMAGE & MENTAL HEALTH

When influencers, celebrities or peers use filters on their photos or videos on Instagram, it can set unrealistic expectations of their own appearance and create feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem. Children may try to strive for a comparable number of likes on their own photo to an image or video that has been edited heavily.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



REMOVE PAYMENT METHODS

If you are happy for your child to have a card associated with their Instagram account, we suggest adding a PIN which needs to be entered before making a payment; this will also help prevent unauthorized purchases. This can be added in the payment settings tab.

*****NEW FOR MAY 2018*****

FILTER INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS

Instagram announced on 1st May that they now have an 'anti-bullying' filter on the app. The new filter hides comments containing attacks on a person's appearance or character, as well as threats to a person's well-being or health. The filter will also alert Instagram to repeated problems so they can take action on the user if necessary. This is an automatic filter, but it can be turned off. Make sure this is turned on in the apps settings.



TURN OFF SHARING

Even though this feature will not stop people from taking screenshots, it will stop others being able to directly share photos and videos from a story as a message to another user. This feature can be turned off in the settings. We also recommend turning off the feature which automatically shares photos and videos from a story to a Facebook account.

RESTRICT MESSAGES

If your child's account is not private, anybody can message them and reply to their stories. If they do wish to keep their account public, we strongly recommend changing the message reply settings to restrict who can message them.

USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

By default, any image or video your child uploads to Instagram is visible to anyone. A private account means that you have to approve a request if somebody wants to follow you and only people you approve will see your posts and videos.



Sources

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/> | Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instagram.android> | iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/instagram/id389614640>
Instagram's privacy settings: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666> | Instagram's filters: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666> | Instagram's anti-bullying filter: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666> | Instagram's location tagging: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666> | Instagram's live streaming: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666> | Instagram's in-app payments: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666> | Instagram's hashtags: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666> | Instagram's profile picture: <https://help.instagram.com/521073256606666>