



# NEWSLETTER



'Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action'. (1 John 3:18)

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Salut! Where has that week gone? The days have whizzed and we have so much to report.

Yesterday was an extremely busy day with some of Rockingham and Lamport taking part in a cross-country competition at Croyland Primary School. We were so proud of the children's perseverance and determination in this event, not to mention their humility in cheering each other on. Our vision of 'love in action' was lived out through every shout of encouragement and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to represent our school community!



We also marked Remembrance Day yesterday with a service at Great Addington Church. Reverend Pauline led us in paying our respects to service men and women who have lost their lives in wars around the world.

Remembrance Day is always a very poignant occasion and once again our children demonstrated the utmost respect at all times during the service.

It was a pleasure to welcome Deene parents into school on Wednesday morning to help their children learn all about the Hindu festival of Diwali.

It is so important that we teach our children to understand and embrace different faiths and cultures and the children had lots of fun while learning so much. Thank you to our parents for your help in making the morning a success!



Wednesday also saw our very first Lego club and what a brilliant time was had by all! This week's challenge was to build a house and the children embraced this fully!

I was absolutely blown away by the teamwork and creativity that I witnessed during this time. With so many children joining our club, if anyone has any Lego at home that is no longer needed then it would be much appreciated!



We have had a brilliant week and hope that all of these exciting activities can continue without disruption. I thank you for your vigilance in following our Covid procedures so far this year and urge you to please continue to abide by government guidelines should your child show any symptoms. Please do not hesitate to ask us should you have any queries about the correct action to take.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Birch



Next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day. To raise funds for this very worthy cause, we are inviting children to **DRESS UP OR DOWN** – anything goes from fancy dress to PJs – or simply their jeans!! The “cost” for this privilege is a donation in the bucket which will be in the school playground in the morning.

## GOING CASH-LESS

Our Central Trust are aiming for all schools within the Trust to be cash-less by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

The main reasons for this decision are: it is safer, more efficient and adopts common technologies that most people now use in their every-day lives.

It is considered more efficient to use an online payment system that tracks deposits and expenditure in real time and needs less human involvement and administration.

Many of you will already be familiar with online banking and online shopping and also completely comfortable paying for trips/activities/meals using ParentPay.

If you do anticipate any problems or do need a reminder of how to use ParentPay, please do speak to Christine.

Thank you for your continued support.



## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023-2024

All admission authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period. We are currently consulting on our admission arrangements which will apply from September 2023 but not proposing any changes.

Please see full details on our school website:-

<https://www.greataddingtonprimary.org.uk/information.aspx?page=1>

The consultation period runs from 8<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. Should you wish to make any comments about the proposed arrangements you can do so by emailing our Chair of Governors c/o [bursar@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk) or by posting back to the school address: Woodford Road, Great Addington, Northants NN14 4BS

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

All children will have the opportunity to receive their flu immunisations again this year at school on

29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

You will receive notification and full details directly from the School Nursing Team shortly.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

## EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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## TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



## HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

## ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

## IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

### MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

### LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

### USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

### MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.



The following children  
have been recognised  
as 'Stars of the Week'  
by their teachers.

**Congratulations!**

The Stars of the Week



Deene Class

Many thanks for all the  
people who baked for the  
Deene Cake Sale yesterday and  
to those who bought!!

The total of  
**£53.92**

Has been raised so far, with  
more cakes to sell this  
afternoon!!!!

**DEENE CLASS CAKE SALE**



Celebrating our children's successes

GYMNASTICS  
Congratulations to  
**ELIZABETH**  
who has achieved her Level 5 Certificate  
In Gymnastics

## In Our Community

# Church Services



TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE
8.00 am	Irthlingborough	Holy Communion
9.15 am	Great Addington	Remembrance Service
9.15 am	Little Addington	Remembrance Service
10.00 am	Parson's Green, Irthlingborough	Ecumenical Service of Remembrance (also webcast <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stpetersirthingborough">https://www.facebook.com/stpetersirthingborough</a> )
10.55 am	War Memorial, Irthlingborough	Act of Remembrance wreath laying and rededication
11.40 am	Parson's Green, Irthlingborough	Roll Call of Names
10.55 am	The Green, Woodford	Remembrance Service



If you would like to donate to support our School Cook, Maria's Son, Carlos, please see link below:-

[https://uk.movember.com/mospace/14487191?mc=1&utm\\_medium=share&utm\\_source=dynamic&utm\\_campaign=copy-clipboard](https://uk.movember.com/mospace/14487191?mc=1&utm_medium=share&utm_source=dynamic&utm_campaign=copy-clipboard)

Fundraising for cause areas including:

**Men's health**

**Mental health and suicide prevention**

Movember is the leading charity changing the face of men's health, and this Movember I'm joining them. Together we can make a difference for men's health – in prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Help me stop men dying too young.



RECLAIM THE JOY OF SINGING

## SINGING MAMAS

*Singing Circle for Women of all ages.  
No experience needed, all voices welcome.*



**FRIDAYS TERM TIME  
10-11.30AM  
CRANFORD VILLAGE HALL  
(NEAR KETTERING)**

[hey@lindsaydalton.com](mailto:hey@lindsaydalton.com)

Please see details of our next Open Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please do spread the word if you know anybody with children starting school in September, 2022.

## Teeth-gritting, award-winning, Thursday nights

We meet every Thursday evening to help Woodford's 6 to 8 year old Beavers get going, thinking and stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. Every now and then that may mean tying a knot, but more often than not its about confidence, speaking up and going for it.

Volunteering is easier than you think. You can give as much or as little time as you like. Can you help?

### Contact

[1stwoodfordscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stwoodfordscouts@gmail.com). Telephone Richard 07802215276/Michelle 07850751750





# GREAT ADDINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
NOVEMBER  
2021

**OPEN DAY  
FOR NEW  
PUPILS**



Woodford Road  
GREAT ADDINGTON  
Kettering  
Northants NN14 4BS

*Come along and see  
what our beautiful  
village school has to  
offer*

PLEASE BOOK ATTENDANCE  
ON  
[bursar@gt-addington.northants-ed.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@gt-addington.northants-ed.gov.uk)

*Can't make it,  
give us a ring on  
this number  
01536 330642*

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# PARENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Great Addington School PSA

## Christmas Wreath Making

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 pm

Great Addington Village Hall

£25.00 per person

Price includes everything you need to make your wreath plus a glass of mulled wine

Tickets available from Christine in the School Office

All profits raised will go towards Great Addington School PSA

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The PSA have 4 brand-new white logo polo shirts in size 7-8 available to purchase at the bargain price of £4.50 each.

If you would like one, please email Christine: [bursara@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursara@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk) and send the money in in an envelope for the PSA.

Please send money in an envelope with request for tickets to the school office and tickets will be sent home.