

'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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Hei! Our greeting of the week this week is Finnish and it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to another action-packed Newsletter.



We have been continuing with business as usual at school this week, with a few tweaks to try to keep any Covid disruptions to a minimum. Adults in our school are now wearing masks in communal areas and assemblies are now held on zoom to avoid mixing too closely in our rather small hall!

The children, as always, continue to adapt brilliantly to any changes and have been busy preparing for their upcoming nativity and carol concerts. We hope very much to continue with our plans to hold these events outside, however we will keep you updated with any necessary changes as the days go on.

In other news, Deene had a very exciting visit to Irthlingborough library on Tuesday. They were able to enjoy all manner of lovely books and shared these with each other and their adults. We love reading at GA and hope to take all of classes to the library over the course of this year.

Lilford have been continuing their toy topic this week and have explored toys from as far back as the 1950's. They enjoyed learning about Matchbox cars, Cindy dolls and even pet rocks! I wonder if anyone has any of these lurking in the cupboards?

Lampport have been exploring the water cycle and creating their own models to deepen their learning. They have produced some amazing non-chronological reports in their English lessons and I know that Mrs Cope is very proud of their work!



Finally, to Rockingham, who have been continuing their learning about the Circulatory System. Again, there has been lots of hands-on learning to get to grips with this topic and the children have all impressed me with their scientific knowledge!

As you know, we are passionate about giving our children the opportunity to embrace new experiences. After the success of our Lego club, I will be sending home a letter next week for children to vote for next term's Wednesday club. I look forward to seeing which suggestion is the most popular! Have a fantastic weekend and stay warm!

Miss Birch, Headteacher

Last week...

NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK OF
CLUBS
Until the New Year.

POSTING OF CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER

A Christmas Post Box is placed under the wooden structure in the playground for the children to post Christmas Cards to each other. All envelopes must contain the Christian and Surname of the recipient.

Our "Addington Posties" will deliver to the classes each day, although the cards will be quarantined before giving out.



Christmas Jumper Day.....

Next Friday 10th December...children can come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. A collection box will be in the school playground for donations in aid of:

SAVE THE CHILDREN



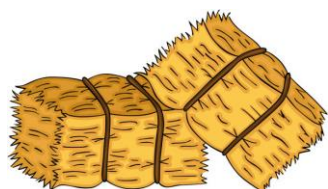
Advent Calendar

There has been much excitement each day as the Advent Calendar Sweetie Draw has begun.

If your child would like to take part in this, please send them in with £1 in an envelope and their name will be put into the draw. Each day, at break time, a name will be pulled out of the bag and the winner has a treat to enjoy during break (sweets/chocolates etc).



FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME
If your child did not receive their vaccination in school this week and you did not receive details of local drop-in Clinics, please see Christine.



THANK YOU

To Freddie and Tay's Mum who struggled in with 2 hay bales!!



The Stars of the Week



Deene Class



DEENE CLASS TRIP TO WEST LODGE RURAL CENTRE : CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

We are planning an exciting trip out for Deene Class to the West Lodge Rural Centre in Desborough for the Christmas experience **NEXT WEDNESDAY**, 8th December. The children will spend the day at the farm and will get to see Santa and watch a live Nativity performance whilst there. Travel will be by school minibus and the children will be back at school in time for normal collection at 3 pm. They should wear school sweatshirts with joggers/trousers and trainers bringing a warm coat/hat/scarf etc suitable for a day outdoors. We are asking for contributions of £15 to cover entrance and travel. Payments can be made on ParentPay. The children will be provided with a packed lunch on this day so please do not order a hot school meal.

PE KIT

During these Winter months, it might be a good idea to put some joggers/leggings into the PE kits as the days gets cooler.

Lilford Class

APPEAL : WANTED

- Cardboard tubes, small cardboard boxes (tissue box size, small cereal)
- Clean yoghurt pots

Lamport/Rockingham Class Football Club

Next Tuesday's Football Club will
finish at the
EARLIER time of
4.00 pm

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child that cars can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

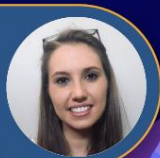
Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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Church Services



TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE
8.00 am	Irthlingborough	Holy Communion
9.15 am	Great Addington	Morning Prayer
9.15 am	Little Addington	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Irthlingborough (also webcast) https://www.facebook.com/stpetersirthlingborough	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Woodford	Café Church



The Winter Mini Challenge is here!

To give you and your children a head start, Irthlingborough Library are offering a Winter Mini Challenge mystery parcel containing 3 mystery books! We will choose 2 Christmas/winter time books and a further mystery book, issue them to your library account and wrap them up for your child to open.

Please speak to a member of staff for more details



PARENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Great Addington School PSA

Christmas Wreath Making

Monday 6th 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

PSA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 8th December, 2021

8 pm on zoom

ALL WELCOME, please join us!!!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81206193882?pwd=L1lQOQ05jd3ZTdGtDLzhtM3ViZzN>

FQT09 Meeting ID: 812 0619 3882 Passcode: 402776 It

WANTED PSA SECRETARY

If you feel you can help, or would like more information,
please contact Emma Darby or Christine for details.

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: bursar@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk and send the money in in
an envelope for the PSA.

