

CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

INSPIRED TO LEARN, GROW AND FLOURISH WITHIN OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY



This half term we are learning about how we learn and grow in our Christian community

22.12.2023

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Arthur in Year 1
For great progress in listening and communication skills



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PR7 5NA

AUTUMN TERM CELEBRATION AWARDS 2023

Very well done to the following children for achieving the following awards this week:

	POW - Pupil of the Week	WOW - Worker of the Week
FS	Katy	Emilia
YEAR 1	Finley	Isla
YEAR 2	Jude	Ben
YEAR 3	Maddie	Charlie
YEAR 4	Charlotte	Bluebell
YEAR 5	Andrew	Poppy
YEAR 6	Jacob	All of Year 6

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'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Phil 4:13

HEAD TEACHERS MESSAGE

I can hardly believe it's the end of term. We have had a lovely last week here in school.

It was lovely to see the magical reaction of the children when Father Christmas arrived for his breakfast on Monday morning and we even got to ask him some very interesting questions.

I hope our Carol Service put everyone in the festive mood especially hearing the choir sing Silent Night.

We had great Christmas parties yesterday afternoon with some dancing super stars in all classes.

We have had a lovely term with the children and staff working incredibly hard I would like to thank you for your continued support as it is this team approach which makes Christ Church such a special place.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

I look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound on Monday 8th January at 8:45 am.

Mrs Brooks



WEEKLY PRAYER

Dear Jesus

We pray in this time of celebration that every child wakes up to at least one gift on Christmas morning,

We pray that everyone is happy and safe in the New Year,

We pray that those who are lonely this Christmas find warmth in your love,

Lord Jesus, hear our prayers,

Amen

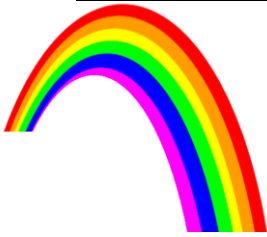
By Charlotte and Olivia
Ethos Leaders



RAINBOW ADVENT RAFFLE

Thank you to our fantastic PTFGA for putting together all the raffle bag prizes. We have now drawn all of our winners

1 st Dec: Talliyah Y5	9 th Dec: Charlotte Y4	17 th Dec: Pheobe Y4
2 nd Dec: Amanda	10 th Dec: Emilia FS	18 th Dec: Theo Y5
3 rd Dec: Arthur Y2	11 th Dec: Charlotte Y6	19 th Dec: Olivia B Y4
4 th Dec: Elsa Y6	12 th Dec: Juliette Y4	20 th Dec: Olivia B Y6
5 th Dec: Harry H Y6	13 th Dec: Ewan Y3	21 st Dec: Olivia Y3
6 th Dec: Rohan Y1	14 th Dec: Ben Y2	22 nd Dec: Mrs Brooks
7 th Dec: Tommy Y2	15 th Dec: Kane Y5	23 rd Dec: Gretel Y5
8 th Dec: Lucy Y4	16 th Dec: Elsa Y6	24 th Dec: Benji FS



CHRISTMAS PARTIES



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Top Tips for a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

It can be difficult to stay away from technology and devices, and sometimes this means that people – of any age – can find it hard to be present in the moment. As a period when families are able to spend some quality time together and enjoy each other's company, Christmas is the perfect opportunity to step away from our phones, laptops and consoles and concentrate on the things that really matter. Follow our top ten tips for a tech-free festive period and make the most of this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

1. BOARD GAMES CAN BE FUN (HONEST)

OK, no one wants a repeat of that incident when your youngest had to pay triple rent on Mayfair, but going back to basics with a card or board game can be a fantastic bonding experience. Choose a game that even the youngest members of your family can enjoy and have a fun tech-free time.

2. MAKE YOUR OWN DECORATIONS

Spending time on arts and crafts is a brilliant way to relax and spend some productive time offline. Making your own Christmas decorations as a family can become a wholesome tradition and leave you with some treasured mementos, too.

3. GO FOR A WINTER WALK

Not much beats wrapping up warm on a crisp December day and taking a stroll. Whether alone or with the family, a walk is a fantastic way to clear your head and relish the break from hectic normal life. As an extra festive treat, why not make a flask of hot chocolate to take with you?

4. BAKE SOME FESTIVE TREATS

Not all Christmas cooking has to be a stressful chore that's timed with military precision. Baking some simple festive treats like cookies doesn't have to take hours – and will make sure you're stocked up on tasty things to offer any friends or family members who pop round.

5. READ A FAMILY STORY TOGETHER

Turn story time into an event. Make the living room or bedroom into a tech-free space, light some candles, make some hot drinks and reach for a classic Christmas tale. It's a fantastic way to relax before bed, and the right story will help to get the whole family into the festive spirit.

6. TURN OFF NOTIFICATIONS

It sounds obvious, but turning off email and app notifications can give you more control of your relationship with technology. Getting into the habit of checking your phone periodically – rather than reacting every time a notification arrives – helps you to stay present in the moment.

7. FEED THE BIRDS

Food's hard to come by for wildlife in winter, so helping our feathered friends is a very worthwhile reason to put down those devices and reconnect with nature. Fill a bird feeder in the garden or take a snack for the ducks in your local park (but ditch the bread in favour of oats, rice or birdseed).

8. SET DAILY LIMITS

Many apps and devices let you set reminders to let you know how long you've used them for that day. Setting daily limits puts you firmly in charge of your time and will help to ensure you don't miss out on any family Christmas memories because you're engrossed in your phone or laptop.

9. GET ON YOUR BIKE

Exercise, such as going for a run or a bike ride is an excellent way to burn off some of those Yuletide calories while giving your brain and eyes a break from screen-based activity. Physical exertion also helps reduce anxiety and releases endorphins which can improve your sense of wellbeing.

10. MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

There can be a lot of pressure to meet up with friends, make video calls and check in with people at Christmas – but remember that you need time to relax as well. Don't feel guilty about not replying to messages and emails immediately – the holiday is your chance to drop down a gear or two.

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Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort these out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Mary Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 4's Live and the TV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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Breakfast Club
opens at 7.30am
Afterschool Club
runs until 6pm.



As a result of living out its distinctive Christian vision, this is truly an exceedingly special, strong and loving Church school family. All are embraced in the warmth of this school and are blessed to be part of it

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

SOUTH

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Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
or call 01772 532109

Closing date: 15 January 2024

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

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