



# Thames View Primary School Newsletter



*Responsibility*

*Resilience*

*Respect*

## Special events coming soon

### December:

19th – PTA Polar Express 3.30-5.30pm

20th – last day of term,

**Early Finish for all 1.15pm**

### January:

3rd- Staff Training Day

4th- Children return to School

8th January - Hook Day

8th- VR Workshop for Year 1 (Space) and  
Year 4 (Oceans)

10th- Year 1 visit to Greenwich  
Planetarium

30th – Yr 3 – Cinema trip

### February:

12th – 16th – Half Term break

## Mrs Rogers Message

This week has been a festive frenzy! We have had lots of noisy nativities, as well as a trip to the Church to sing Carols. We thank all of our families who came to our Christmas Fete and raised money for the school, it really was lots of fun! We also thank our fab PTA, who make all of these magical events happen, including the Polar Express evening next week, if you have not got a ticket, please log on and get some!

This Wednesday is our Fun Day and children should come in to school in comfortable non-uniform. There will be some fun events happening, including Circus Skills for the younger year groups and glow ball dodgeball for the older year groups. These days not only allow children to try other skills but also reward children for their hard work over the Autumn term. We are very proud of your children and all that they are achieving!

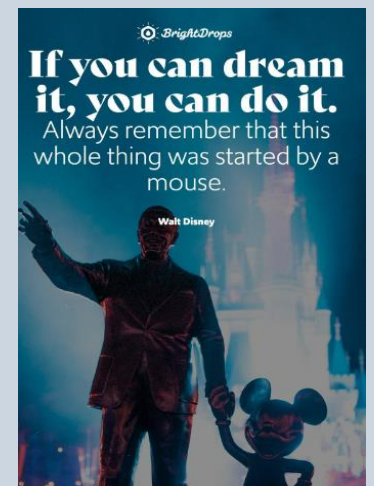
As the weather gets a lot colder, can we please remind parents that children must bring a coat to school, so they can play outside. This is so important for them to keep warm!

Next week, I will be writing a letter to parents with some of our important events coming in the new year. There will be lots more trips, visiting speakers and Hook Days. All of which, engage your children with their learning and bring it to life! There will also be some parent events, including coffee afternoon with the Head of School, as well as some other information evenings, so please look out for this!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe, Mrs Rogers.



## Quote of the week



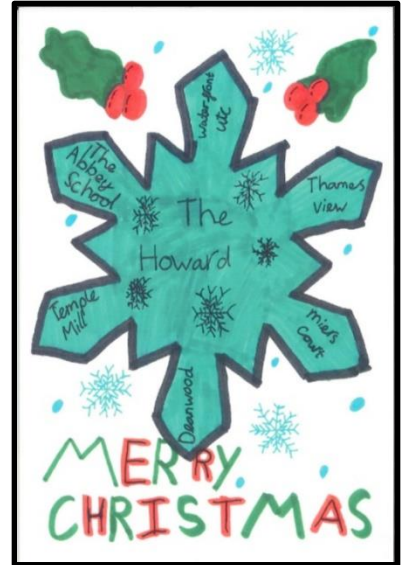
## **\*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\***

... to all our classes and staff for their wonderful Nativities, Christmas plays and singing this week, you all worked so hard together. Well done everyone.

### The Howard Trust Christmas Card design

Congratulations to Clara for jointly winning the Trust competition this year with her card design ...

*(along with a pupil from Deanwood Primary)*



### PTA Christmas Jumper Design

Congratulations to Ashanti and Zachary for their winning designs.

A big well done to all of you who entered the competition, your entries were brilliant and very festive





Golden Ticket is every Friday and a child in each Key Stage 2 class can win the golden ticket for outstanding effort, behavior and for showing our 3 school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



**STARS OF THE WEEK**



**ECO Class Trophy**  
Discovery

**PE Champions:**  
Returns after the Christmas break

**Attendance Stars:**

**KS1:** Fortune

**KS2:** Discovery

**Nursery Star:**

Esme

**Year 4 Timetable Stars:**

Harry, Layla, Lucas

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Ho-Shun	Ornela	Harry	Evie P
Sunrise	Sophie	Bonnie	Tyler	Ellie
Elstar	Teddy	Veer	Teddi	Veer
Kanzi	Leo	Salina	Nathan	Rosie
Fortune	Whole Class 😊	Archie	Buddy	Isabella
Liberty	Whole Class 😊	Rosie	Shanie	Lola / Finley
Opal	Rae	Warren	Olive	Jack
Topaz	Zoe	Nieve	Rosebelle	Maria
Enterprise	Rio	Mia	Igor	Jack
Victory	Leo	Teddie	Riley	Lola
Blenheim	Imojen	Henry	Phoenix	Jacob
Windsor	Lyall	Emily	Elsie	Emma
Discovery	Erin	Roxie	Mason M	Lola
Pioneer	Maddison	Alice W	Alice J	Joseph

## Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about your child, please come in and discuss these with Mrs Flynn or Mrs Stevens. Each week there will be safeguarding tips here, let us know if we can help! Today's focus is online safety at Christmas Time.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

- 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD**  
If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).
- 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**  
This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and with whom), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS**  
One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.
- 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE**  
Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.
- 5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'**  
Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.
- 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY**  
Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.
- 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS**  
Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.
- 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME**  
Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.
- 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES**  
Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.
- 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF**  
It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.
- 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS**  
It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.
- 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK**  
Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

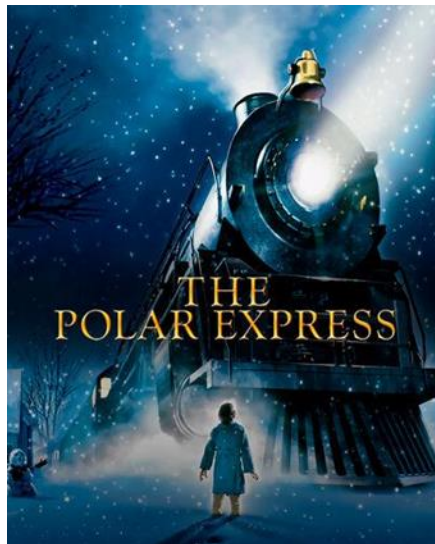
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#WakeUpWednesday

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**The final PTA for Christmas event is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

## Polar Express Event



**On Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, those who have booked places on the train, will bring home a ticket which they need to bring on Tuesday for their journey on the Polar Express !**

### **Jump on board the Polar Express**

The PTA will be hosting a film event after school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the KS2 Hall until 5.30pm

We are inviting children to embark on an extraordinary journey to the North Pole and join us in watching the Polar Express film.

Pyjamas and slippers are encouraged (blanket and pillow also welcome), and all children will receive a hot chocolate and popcorn to enjoy throughout the film.

Train tickets can be purchased via the following link –

<http://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/1064456>

Please note that all slots must be booked no later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Thank you for all the support you have given our PTA events this year**