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Dear Parents

Children in Need

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for Children in Need. In total we raised £304.70, which is a phenomenal effort. Much of that money came from the cake sale. Two things that I have discovered about our community at Kinoulton: we are very generous and we love cakes! Thanks for your support with this worthy cause!

Christmas at Kinoulton

As we head into the festive season, there will be lots of fun and exciting activities happening at school. The dates of some of these events are listed in the table towards the end of this newsletter.

Christmas Jumpers

The children are welcome to come to school in Christmas jumpers on Thursday 8th December as this is the national Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. If you would like to make a voluntary donation, please send it into school with your children and we will ensure the money is passed on to the charity. Also, as part of the festivities in school, I am happy for the children to wear Christmas jumpers for the final three days of term too (Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st December). The children should still wear their usual PE kit or school uniform on the correct days, but can wear a Christmas jumper on top. There will be no donation for this.



Christmas Dinner

Mrs Thomson and Mrs Bourne will be making a special Christmas Dinner for the children on Tuesday 20 December and, as in previous years, we would like to extend this invitation to the children who normally bring sandwiches on that day. The Christmas dinner will cost £2.45.

If your child does not normally have a school dinner on Tuesdays and would like one that day, please let Mrs Evers know by Friday 9th December. All payments need to be made via your child's SQuid catering account.

Toys and Games Day

On the final day of term (Wednesday 21st December) we are allowing children to bring in toys and games for them to use with their friends. If they choose to do this, please send them in with something they can use sat at a table – board games and card games are ideal! No electronics please. Thank you.

Reading Provision in School

Thank you to everyone that attended our recent reading evening. As you may know, reading is our main focus at the moment and we are trying to improve our reading provision to make our good reading outcomes even better. We want all children to be successful at reading and – ideally – all children to ENJOY reading. Part of moving towards this goal is to get some new and exciting books in school. If you can help by buying us a book, we would all be very grateful – especially the children!

The wish list is below:

<https://amzn.eu/bjPaWWy>

If you do decide to purchase a book, please make sure you write a 'note' to say who you are before you complete payment, as this means we are able to write which family donated the book inside the cover. As always, we really do appreciate your support.

We would also be grateful for donations of any books you have at home that your children no longer need. As long as the books are in good condition and are reasonably new (a few years old) they would be very welcome additions to our library!

Thank you to everyone who has already helped by purchasing or donating books; it really is appreciated. The new books and the changes to our KS2 library will really help us to further promote reading. We are also hoping to buy a 'reading shed' so that the children have an exciting and stimulating place to read.



All of our fundraising efforts this year will go towards this project. Speaking of which...

KPS Winter Fayre

Don't forget that the PTFA will be running a winter fayre on Saturday 3rd December. This will coincide with the traditional Kinoulton Christmas tree sale. All the money that we make from these events will be spent on the children and will help us to improve our reading provision in school.



Reminder – Key Stage Two Showcase

We would like to invite parents into school on Wednesday 7th December for a showcase of some of the work Key Stage 2 have been producing this term. Classes 3, 4 and 5 have been studying a topic called ‘**Why has the world been at war?**’ and have been learning about The Great War (1914-1918) and World War II (1939-1945). We would like to invite parents into the hall to watch a presentation from the children followed by an opportunity to visit the classrooms and see some of the work too. The presentation will be at 2.15pm followed by classroom visits until home time at 3.30pm. We would love to see lots of you there!

Winter Wrap Up Coat Donations

I would like to say another huge thank you to all parents who were able to donate coats to support Derby City Social Care in keeping children warm this winter. We received lots of snuggly donations and have taken these to be distributed to those in need.

E-Safety

With the online world becoming increasingly accessible to everyone, it is vital that we do all we can to keep children safe when they are using a mobile phone, accessing social media, using the internet for research, playing games on their tablet or laptop and using their games console to play games with friends.

The following website has some useful advice on how to keep your child safe depending on their age. There are other useful pieces of advice such as a guide to apps and other technology.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

Social Media

Many parents may be unaware of the age restrictions placed on social media sites. Most of these sites have a 13+ age limit and some have an even higher age-restriction.

There are some useful guides to e-safety at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

I have included a particularly useful one – a guide to group chats – at the end of this newsletter.

School App

For updates and messages from the school, don't forget to download our app!
You can download it from:

Google Play Store (Android users)

<https://bit.ly/2GRPx3U>

Apple App Store (iOS users)

<https://apple.co/2oGDD64>

Upcoming Calendar Dates		
Saturday 3 rd December	9.30pm	KPS Winter Fayre and Christmas tree sale
Wednesday 7 th December	2.15pm	Key Stage Two Showcase
Thursday 8 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 13 th December	2.00pm	Nativity
Wednesday 14 th December	5.00pm	Nativity
Friday 16 th December	Afternoon	KS2 Christmas party
Monday 19 th December	Afternoon	KS1 Christmas party
Tuesday 20 th December	11.15am 12.15pm	Carol service at St Luke's Christmas dinner
Wednesday 21 st December	All day	Last day of term Toys and Games day

Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your continued support of our school.
It is always appreciated!

Simon Paramore
Headteacher

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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