

Newsletter - 31st October 2022



**Newland
St John's**

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

*Living Together,
Learning Together
and Shining Together
in the Love of God.*

What is coming up ...

- **Monday 31st October - Children Return to school at 8:45am**
- Friday 11th November - Remembrance Service for children in school
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need - More information to follow
- **Friday 25th November - Staff Training day - School closed to pupils**
- Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December - Interactive Nativity
- December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity performance to parents - Date TBC
- Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Music concert - 4:30pm start (more details to follow)
- **Friday 17th December - School closes for Christmas.**
- **Tuesday 3rd January - School closed to pupils for training day.**
- **Wednesday 4th January - School re-opens to pupils.**

Ready for School?

As the weather is changing, please make sure your child has a **jacket or coat** in school every day.

All children also need to be ready for school with:

An Indoor and Outdoor PE kit

A Water bottle



Uniform, Jewellery and Watches

We are proud of our children and how smart they look in their uniform. Please help us by remembering the following:

- All shirts/polo shirts should be light blue
- NSJ school ties should be worn by **all children in Key Stage 2**, unless an arrangement has been made with the Head of School
- Trousers should be **black or grey**
- Skirts and pinafore dresses should be **grey**
- Tights should be **plain grey, navy, black or white**
- Shoes should be smart and black in colour - **no trainers**
- Headbands should be a **simple design and plain**, avoiding large bows
- PE kit consists of a **black t- shirt and black shorts (outdoor kit - plain joggers and top/hoody)**
- Jewellery **should not be worn**, except stud earrings
- **Make up and nail varnish** must not be worn for school
- **Watches** can be worn that **help children tell the time**. Please do not send children to school with 'Smart Watches' as these cause distraction during lessons
- Children should not bring **toys or other personal items**, unless agreed with class teachers.

Uniform can be purchased from this website:

https://steadyschoolwear.co.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=120_158

Charities and Fundraising

During the autumn term, our school council will be talking to their classmates and sharing their views on charities we will support this year.

In the meantime, we will be supporting 'Children in Need' on **Friday 18th November**. At the end of the school day, classes will have stalls in the school hall with buns, cakes and games. We hope you can join us and help raise funds to help children in the UK.



Road Safety

The safety of everyone in our community is very important to us. To help drivers to think about where they park before and after school, we have secured local funding to buy some Feather Flags. Please do not park on the yellow lines outside the school or on

the school driveway - this puts lives at risk. Parking is limited around the school - if you drive to school, you may need to allow extra time to find a parking space further away from the school. We also ask you to be considerate to our neighbours by not blocking driveways and entrances.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest Festival collection. We have split the donations between Hull Vineyard and Christ Church Newland Pantry. Both food banks continue to help families within our school community.



Design and Technology Projects



After half term the children in upper Key Stage 2 will be starting an exciting DT project linked to *Moving Mechanisms*. We would be really grateful for any donations of **squeezy plastic bottles** and **cardboard boxes with a lid** (teabags box size). Thank you.

Safeguarding

Please note that we have some changes to our Safeguarding team:

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection Leader is **Mr Neil Kenningham**. Our Deputy Safeguarding & Child Protection Leaders are **Mrs Brett, Mrs Williams and Miss Briggs**.

What to do if you have a concern about a child: During School Hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mr Kenningham or another member of the safeguarding team, via the main office on 01482 305740.
- Contact the Access and Assessment team for Hull on 01482 448879

Out of school hours and during school holidays:

- If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then contact the police via 999

If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child then contact Children's Social Care, Access and assessment team on 01482 448879 (Weekdays 8.30am-5pm) or the Immediate Help Team on 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends).



Picture News:

We continue to use **Picture News** as a topic for our collective worship on Mondays. The Picture News at

Home resources will be added to our website on Mondays for you to talk about at home. We will text a link home so you can access them easily.

Each week, poses a different question on a global or more national issue.



Hull Truck Performance

Some of our Year 5/6 children performed in the production of **Twelfth Night** at Hull Truck Theatre. We are so proud of them and pleased they could take part in such an amazing and unforgettable experience.

E-safety Week

In the week before half term, children across the school have been discussing different e-safety

scenarios and voting on how they would respond to them. Teachers will collect these responses and subsequently use resources from **Project Evolve** to target any gaps in pupil e-safety understanding throughout the year. We are proud of the knowledge the children have already shown and are looking forward to improving this further.

eSafety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder – a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

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Prayer

God of harvest,
Gardener supreme,
You place us at the centre
Feed us, equip us. And,
Having provided for us,
Look to a different harvest
A fruitfulness of lives
In service to you and others.
God of harvest,
Feed us
Prune us
Harvest us
That our lives
Might bring glory to you.
Amen