

NEWSLETTER



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Christmas Message

Thank you to you all for your support for our school this term, which is very much appreciated. On behalf of all of the children, staff and governors at Edenham C of E Primary School we would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



Thank you

We would also like to thank parents for their support at the Christmas Bazaar recently. A big thank you to Friends of Edenham School for arranging this most successful event.

KSI Corn Exchange Visit

Classes 1 and 2 visited the Corn Exchange in Stamford on Thursday 6th December to see 'A Tiger who came to Tea'. All the children behaved fantastically well and were mesmerized by the show and very engaged in the library. A wonderful day was had by all!

School update

All the decorating in the entrance has now been completed and looks very smart. Last week the new notice boards were put up and work has started on creating lovely displays.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are taking part in Christmas Jumper day on **Friday 14th December** and would like to welcome children to come to school in a festive Christmas jumper. We are asking for a £1.00 donation which will go to Save the Children. Thank you for your support in advance.

Diary Dates

Please note the following up and coming dates;

Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day.
Mon 17 th Dec	FOE Christmas Party (more details to follow).
Tues 18 th Dec	KSI Nativity, 10.30am (all welcome at Village Hall). Please see letter.
Wed 19 th Dec	KSI Nativity, 1-30pm (all welcome at Village Hall). Please see letter.
Thurs 20 th Dec	Family Carol Service, 1.30pm (all welcome at Church).
Thurs 20 th Dec	<u>Last Day of Term 2.</u>
Mon 7 th Jan 2019	<u>Term 3 Begins.</u>

Cold Weather

As the winter months are upon us please ensure your children have their coats with them every day. Some PE lessons will still take place outside so please send children in with tracksuit bottoms and jumpers.

Nut Allergy

We have some children in school who have very severe nut allergies. Please do not send foods into school which contain nuts (including peanut butter, chocolate spreads and cereal bars).

FOE Christmas Party

No PE will take place on Monday 17th December due to the Friends of Edenham Christmas Party. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on this day.

Important Events

New important events and key diary dates up until the end of the Summer Term will be sent out early in Term 3.

E-Safety and Bishops Letter

Included with this Newsletter will be a brief summary from the E-Safety meeting held in November and a Christmas letter from the Bishop.

What do we do in school to keep children safe when using technology?

KS2

Moving into KS2 children will learn about the importance of not sharing information online. They will understand how easy it is to create an 'online profile' and until we meet someone in 'real life' (with a trusted adult) that person is still a stranger.

We then go on to teach children about how the internet actually works, making them aware that once they post something or send something, they no longer have control of it, or where it goes.

Children are spoken to about various apps, and software, ensuring they know how to use these safely, i.e. making sure they are continually checking and updating their privacy settings or ensuring nothing they post can make them easily identifiable such as pictures of them in school uniform.

Using technology in a positive way is something we constantly re-inforce. We make children very aware that they should not post, send or do anything online that they would not do in front of their parents.

Some of the resources we use to help us with this are

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware>

Many videos can also be found on 'youtube' if you enter the following terms in the search bar:

- thinkuknow
- NSPCC E-Safety
- CEOP

What can be done at home to keep children safe when using technology?

Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use and judge the quality and reliability of online resources

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
- Ask them about things online which might make them uncomfortable

E-Safety at Edenham C of E Primary School



Friendship – Hope and Faith – Compassion
Forgiveness – Honesty and Trust – Thankfulness

Taken from www.internetmatters.org

What do we do in school to keep children safe when using technology?

EXFS /KSI

When educating children in the area of E-Safety, we always take into account their age; we select the material we use and the discussions we have carefully to ensure they are age appropriate. We ensure at all times we re-inforce how great technology can be, and provide children with opportunities to use it in a range of ways. We do not want children to be scared of it, but want them to be able to use safely and confidently in a controlled environment

Children at Edenham will begin to hear about E-Safety when they are in Class 1. Here they will learn the importance of ensuring an adult knows when they are using technology such as the internet. Discussions will begin to take place surrounding what to do if something happens when they are online, such as unwanted 'pop-ups' or videos finishing and linking to other videos that may not be age appropriate. They will also begin to understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone online, (slightly similar to what has previously been



known as 'Stranger Danger'

Risks

Access to inappropriate material

Sites such as 'youtube' automatically link children to suggested videos once one has finished. These are not always appropriate or linked to the original video. Innocent online searches can provide children with images or information that could be upsetting if the original search has various meanings.

Bullying

Unkind images or words can be shared very quickly when using various messaging apps or software

Encouragement of online purchases with great ease

'In app' or 'in game' purchases can be made very easily, and accidentally, if card or bank details have been saved onto a device.

Exploitation

Online profiles can be set up very easily providing the opportunity for people to act as someone they are not. Relationships can be built up online and children persuade to do things that are inappropriate or develop negative opinions about a range of things.

Over-reliance on 'screens'

Children can become addicted to technology and become frustrated, agitated or upset if they cannot access it.

Loss of control of images or information

Once something is posted online or sent the original owner has far less control over it. The recipient could quite easily forward images or attachments.

What is E-Safety

We live in an ever changing world where we are lucky enough to constantly have new technology being presented to us to help benefit the ways in which we live our lives. It is important that our children can use technology confidently and safely, as moving forwards it is very likely the amount of technology they will have in their lives will increase.

E-Safety is making children aware of the risks technology may have, but at the same time ensuring children are not scared to use it.

Some of the risks that children, and parents, should be aware of are:

- Access to inappropriate material
- Bullying
- Exploitation
- Over-reliance on 'screens'
- Encouragement of online purchases





The Bishop of Lincoln

December 2018

At Christmas time there is a lot of busyness. People are rushing round buying gifts and there can be queues in shops and more traffic on the roads. In the next few weeks we can spend a great deal of time waiting. The season of Advent is a time of waiting for the birth of Christ and the issue is what to do as we wait.

Can you think of places where you do wait?
What do you do when you wait for something?

Advent is a time of waiting when we have the chance to remember God giving his Son. Each week in our churches another candle is lit on the advent wreath and that is a way to think each week about the fact that God knows us and loves us and gave us the most precious thing – his Son.

So, while we wait this Advent, and are excited about what we may be given, there is also the chance to think what we can give to others. We might say hello to people who look lonely or surprise someone with an act of kindness.

Mary was told that she would give birth to Jesus and she was full of joy – that was how she waited. I hope you are also filled with joy as you wait for Christmas Day. May you have an exciting and holy Christmas.

With every good wish,

+ *Christopher Lowson*

The Right Reverend Christopher Lowson
Bishop of Lincoln

