



# CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Over the past couple of weeks I have been made aware of a number of apps that are becoming favourites of pupils across the borough. The two apps are 'live.me' and 'dubsmash'. Both are live video link based and videos can be shared on the internet via whatsapp or Facebook. Both sites are aimed at the 18+ market but a number of much younger children are using them. Unfortunately, they are then being approached by strangers.



If your child has downloaded either of the apps you will be able to recognise them by the above thumbnails.

Whilst discussing e-safety, I would like to ask parents to be particularly vigilant when children are playing games 'live'. It is vital that you know who your child is playing against. The rule of thumb I use at home is, if you do not know them as part of your daily life, then they are strangers. Would you let your child walk off with a complete stranger? But this is what is happening as children are not keeping themselves safe when using the internet!

I would also ask that you check the conversations or groups they are joining on whatsapp or other apps. Unfortunately, over the past couple of years some of our older pupils have engaged in conversations with each other that would not be accepted in school or in your homes, I dare say.

We will continue to keep your children safe in school when using the internet and I know you will do the same at home!



Friday  
2nd  
December

Friends Of Christ  
Church

Christmas Fayre  
3.00pm-5.00pm



## Parking

Unfortunately the issue of parking is raising its ugly head again. In particular the situation seems worse after school, when parents are parking on the footpath outside Ask Motors. This situation is then made worse as drivers then try to complete three point turns on a narrow road with children making their way home. Residents of Awlmakers Grove, have also raised concerns about parking issues and even worse drivers using mobile phones when parking and not paying due attention to those around them. So, for what seems like the millionth time, I ask parents who drive their pupils to school to be vigilant when parking and put the safety and wellbeing of our fantastic pupils and their families first. I firmly believe that if we don't all work together, there will be a serious accident that will impact the whole of the Christ Church family.

## Reading Ages!

Over the past couple of weeks pupils have been sitting a number of assessments. For those pupils in Years 2-6, they have been using Accelerated Reader. This software gives pupils a 'Reading Age' in years and months. As a school, we want all our pupils to have a reading age that is equal to or above their actual age. Teachers should be sending out a slip that tells you your child's reading age. If it is below their actual age there is a really easy remedy! The slip contains information about the level of books they should be reading, 35 minutes reading a day at home will improve your child's reading age. If you need a little help or support understanding the slip speak to your child's class teacher.

# Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th November:	Choir Sing at Forest Arts Centre
Thursday 1st December:	KS2: George's Marvellous Medicine Reception 2, Santa Visit
Friday 2nd December:	Friends Of Christ Church Christmas Fayre 3.00-5.00pm
Tuesday 6th December:	Reception 1, Santa Visit
Thursday 8th December:	Nursery and Reception Nativity: 9.30am
Friday 9th December:	End of Term Reward Worship
Friday 9th December:	Nursery and Reception Nativity: 2.00pm
Monday 12th December:	Rapunzel Performance: EYFS + KSI
Monday 12th December:	KSI Carol Concert: 2.00pm
Tuesday 13th December:	KSI Carol Concert: 9.30am
Tuesday 13th December:	KS2 Christmas Performance: 1.30pm
Wednesday 14th December:	Reward Trip Zorro's Christmas Adventure
Wednesday 14th December:	KS2 Christmas Performance: 6.00pm
Thursday 15th December:	Christingle Service 9.30 Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th December:	Break Up: 1.30pm Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 3rd January:	INSET Day: No pupils in School
Wednesday 4th January	Pupils Return to School