

Welcome

Christmas is fast approaching and hopefully, it seems that there will be fewer restrictions this year, compared with last year. However, with cases of COVID19 still high, we want to do all that we can, as a school, to keep everyone healthy and able to enjoy a happy, family Christmas. Christmas will be celebrated in school, but the traditional events will again be celebrated virtually. I do not feel that we are yet able to welcome you all back into the school in large groups and hope that you appreciate this decision has been made with safety in mind. I am sure that you will support this decision and, as always, your support, is very much appreciated.

Vicki Masters

Head Teacher



Chris Heaton-Harris MP's

Christmas Card Competition



Who can enter: All primary school aged children in the Daventry Constituency

Closing date: Monday 29th November 2021

Post/Deliver to: Bishop Crewe House, North Street, Daventry NN11 4GH

The winning entry will receive a £20 book voucher and their design presented by Chris to the Prime Minister. Good luck!

On the back of the design please state the child's name, age, and school.

Promoted by Amy Howard on behalf of Chris Heaton-Harris, both at Bishop Crewe House, North St, Daventry NN11 4GH

[Christmas Card Templates](#) can be downloaded here.

Aspirational
Changemakers

How will your child change the world?

We are working hard to redesign our curriculum to ensure that we meet our main school aim: to enable every child to be change the world; to be an aspirational changemaker.

Find out more in the [Head Teacher's blog](#) on our school website.



IMPORTANT

BRAISWICK SCHOOL PHOTOS

Could we kindly ask that all school photo proofs are returned with payment by this **Friday - 19th November?**

Thank you



IMPORTANT

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

If you would like to purchase any of the Christmas Card project items, could we kindly ask that these are returned with payment and the proof card on **Monday 22nd November?**

Thank you



Walks

Northampton Active.

FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY

PARENT & TOT	THURSDAY 1PM	MONTHLY
UNGUIDED	BUGGY FRIENDLY	MEET AT THE WATERSIDE CAFE
WALKS WITH YOUR DOG	SATURDAY 10.30AM	MONTHLY
UNGUIDED	FRIENDLY DOGS WELCOME	MAPS HANDED OUT
WALK FOR ALL	TUESDAYS 10AM	WEEKLY
UNGUIDED	SOCIAL MEET UP	

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CHRISTMAS Workshop

Arts & Crafts

Includes

- Festive activity bags
- Arts & Crafts workshop stations
- Hourly experiences available

£15 Per Person

Enjoy the Christmas season with festive arts and crafts activities, you can even write a letter to **Santa** and use our special post box to reach him!

Every Saturday from 20th November

Every Day from 18th December - 23rd December



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November is Anti-Bullying Month

National Anti-Bullying Week falls in November each year. Whilst we always run school initiatives at this time, this year we are having an even bigger focus.

Teachers across the country are reporting that, as a result of the pandemic, children have 'forgotten' how to play with large numbers of children. They are less resilient than they used to be and schools are experiencing larger numbers of children who are finding playtimes more difficult to cope with.

We are taking the time to explore these issues with the children and ensuring that they have the skills to play together well; recognise and deal with inappropriate behaviour; distinguish between inappropriate behaviour and bullying and know where to go for help.

Please be assured that we don't feel that we have a huge issue with bullying in school, but feel this is a crucial part of our COVID recovery plan.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 19th November - BBC Children In Need - All children are invited to wear their spots to school.

All donations gratefully received for the CIN charity.



Numbots & TTRockstars

Your child should now have their login details to Numbots & TTRockstars.

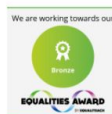
Teachers will soon begin to set homework based on one of these.

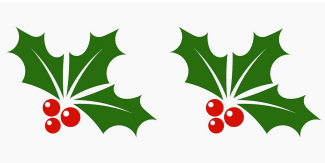
In the meantime, please encourage your child to explore the websites and learn to use these.

Generally, Numbots is for EYFS and KS1 children.

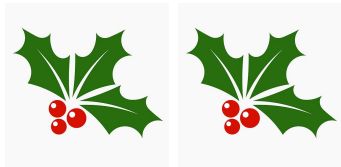
TTRockstars is best suited to KS2 children.

Dream Believe Achieve





Christmas 2021 arrangements



Friday 3rd December 2021 - There will be NO Christmas Fayre this year due to the ongoing Covid restrictions.

Friday 10th December 2021 - Christmas Jumper Day - Come to School in your Christmas Jumper

Friday 10th December 2021 - Virtual Carol Concert - Film to be released following the concert.

Tuesday 14th December - EYFS virtual nativity released at 10:00am.

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas lunch, order forms will follow soon.

Wednesday 15th December - 2:00pm Awards Presentation film will be released, children will watch in school.

Thursday 16th December - Toy & Mufti day - Please only send toys that can be wiped down.

Christmas Parties

Thursday 9th December am - Year 6

Thursday 9th December pm - Year 5

Monday 13th December am - Year 4

Monday 13th December pm - Year 3

Tuesday 14th December am - Year 2

Tuesday 14th December pm - Year 1

Wednesday 15th December am - EYFS



Biscuits and squash will be provided.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Snapchat

Snapchat is a photo and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) that's visible to a person's entire friend list. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as sexting, visible location and strangers.

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 app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends, or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to their entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivaling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's links with apps such as Wink and Hoop have increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are then disclosing personal information through the story, SnapMap and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to send snaps daily. Spotlight Challenges give users the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. There is currently no way to turn off this feature.

SEXTING

Sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse. While these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified if it has been screenshotted first – users have found alternative methods to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

Snapchat's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game'. Although many are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing themselves unfavourably against other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

VISIBLE LOCATION

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with this feature is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only ever met online) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g., don't post explicit images or videos, or display identifiable details like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a #challenge like TikTok's: it's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

Snapchat has recently announced that it is rolling out a new safety feature: users will receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but Stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use SnapMaps, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in: strangers, bullies and groomers could use this information to engage in conversation and arrange to meet in person.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it is important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sending, receiving or sharing explicit images, as well as the possible emotional impact. Emphasise that your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that if they receive unwanted explicit images, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

Meet Our Expert

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