



Shilbottle Primary Newsletter

Week 23 – 6 March 2020

GOOD LUCK to our Year 6 girls who are competing in the NETBALL School Games Qualifier @ DCHS on Thursday, 12 March. Whatever the results we know you will always have fun while showing respect and friendship to the competition!



After School



from 24 Feb

Monday	Ceilidh Band	Y2 – Y6
Tuesday	Football Foundation [Girls only]	R – Y6
Wednesday		Y3 – Y6
Thursday	Highland Dancing	R – Y4
Friday	Rugby	Y4 – Y6

Monday's Where in the World Assembly

The country is **PERU**
for those who would like to do a little research beforehand!

STAR OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION: Scarlett M

YEAR 1: Archie S

YEAR 2: Jay W

YEAR 3: Ethan C

YEAR 4: Brendan A

YEAR 5: Daniel S

YEAR 6: Lucy S



We are working closely with and following advice



from Northumberland County Council and Public Health England with regard to the Coronavirus.

Can you please ensure your ParentMail details are up-to-date and that you regularly check your emails and messages as we will use this method to inform you about any required action.

Many thanks, Mr Parnaby

BEST PRESENTATION & HANDWRITING

RECEPTION: Donnie T

YEAR 1: Julian S

YEAR 2: Lucas A

YEAR 3: Maia R

YEAR 4: Amelia S

YEAR 5: Lillie-May H

YEAR 6: Maddison B



HEAD TEACHER AWARD



Luisa J
Maisie C



ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Reception, Yr 3 & 5



Fun, Respect & Friendship – Every child matters to us

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CENTRE for LIFE – 12 March 2020

Our pupils in Year 2 and Year 5 are looking forward to their visit next week.

Can you please make sure you remember to send them with a packed lunch and drink [in a rucksack] and don't forget we are not back to school until 3:30 p.m.



WORLD BOOK DAY – 5 March 2020

On Thursday, many children came to school dressed as one of their favourite **BOOK** characters ☺ We were impressed by your creativity and enjoyed listening to the reasons why they were inspired to dress up as that character ... this linked in with our Tuesday assembly with Reverend Helen who was encouraging us to think about why we admired our book characters.



Sport Relief is back for 2020



Now that World Book Day is over for another year our attention moves to next week and **SPORT RELIEF** which is back for the week – as a school we have decided that on **FRIDAY, 13 March** we will ask the children to come to school wearing their sporty clothes [KS2 will need a different set to their P.E. clothes] and we will run around the field [or yard]. All we ask is for a donation for Sport Relief – how much is entirely up to you ☺

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Steam is the largest video game digital distribution platform on the planet by quite some distance. Serving as a one-stop-shop for buying and playing video games on your PC, Steam's game library exceeds over 30,000 titles ranging from fun children's games to those with extreme adult content. It's certainly possible to play games on a computer without Steam, but there's no denying it makes the entire process much, much easier with its download and play model. While Steam is by-and-large perfectly safe, parents should still be aware of the potential pitfalls embedded within PC gaming's most well-known digital distribution platform.



What parents need to know about

STEAM



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT 18+

While there are a wide variety of games on Steam, including many that are child-friendly, it does have a 13+ age limit. Because Steam only hosts the majority of games and doesn't make them, they leave it to individual accounts to self-regulate what they download and play. If you wanted to view a game with mature content on an unfiltered account, you would only have to put in your date of birth to verify your age, and the content is freely available. Naturally, this can lead to minors being exposed to a lot of adult content not meant for them if they were to lie about their age.

ABUSE OF GIFTING SYSTEM

Steam has a gifting system where players can gift games to other people on their friend list. On the surface this is a wonderful way for people to buy presents for their friends and loved ones, within the safety of Steam. However, there are people who might prey on the generosity of others and attempt to scam them out of games. Once a game is gifted, it cannot be retracted, meaning somebody could trick a young person into thinking they can share the game, or both get a copy, while simply keeping it for themselves.

RISK OF PHISHING

Hackers are a persistent threat on Steam, with countless people having their accounts hacked and stolen for their extensive libraries of games. This is a huge problem, because games you buy through Steam, are only available through your Steam account; if the account is gone, the games are gone. As with any online space where children can interact with strangers, be sure they understand the dangers and repercussions of giving out personal information that could be used to infiltrate their account.

HACKING VULNERABILITY

Phishing is when somebody attempts to gain information from you through deceptive means. On Steam, phishers could disguise themselves as a child's friend in order to encourage them to share personal information, or worse. Remind your child to never give their password or account information to another person, and never click on strange links sent to them on Steam. If you suspect your child might be talking to somebody who intends to exploit them in some way, raise your concerns as soon as possible both with your child and Steam, who will be able to advise you on what to do next. The Steam Support page also has a breakdown of how to detect suspicious links.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With its own built-in chat function and multitude of games to play, Steam is an easy place for strangers and people you don't know contacting your child. Realistically, the danger is no more or less than any other place online where people might gather but being aware of the games your children are playing and with whom, can make all the difference. Anybody you don't recognise or games you deem to be inappropriate need to be dealt with swiftly and if necessary, the proper authorities notified.



Safety Tips For Parents

IMPLEMENT FAMILY SETTINGS

Under Account > Preferences, you can choose what kind of content is visible on the Steam account. For example, you can set it so no games featuring mature content like violence or sex references can be viewed on the platform. The Family Library Share also allows up to 10 other computers and 5 Steam accounts use of the same games and settings, giving a parent(s) control over the master account, with the ability to limit what the shared accounts can do.



USE GIFT CARDS

It's always a good idea to limit the use of banking details and credit cards on the internet where possible. Thankfully Steam sells gift cards that can be purchased either online or in many high street shops. Buying and updating Steam accounts with a gift card will give you peace of mind that young ones aren't spending on your card without you knowing.



APPLY STEAM GUARD

Two-Factor Authentication (commonly known as Steam Guard on Steam) requires anybody attempting to access your account from an unrecognised computer having to complete additional security checks, usually connected to a trusted phone number or email account. In short, if somebody tries to hack your account with two-factor enabled, they'll need access to your private phone or email in order to do so.



USE STEAM SUPPORT

The Steam Support page has a comprehensive list of ways to deal with specific problems encountered on Steam like reporting hackers, regaining access to lost accounts, reporting stolen games and so on. If you're struggling with the suggested automated processes, you can also initiate a ticket that will be dealt with directly by a human, but this may take longer than the support page.



DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Steam can certainly be an overwhelming place for younger children, so it always pays to be upfront and frank about some of the things they may see, and where your expectations for them lie. Adjusting your family settings will help curate the experience but arming them with the knowledge of what is and isn't acceptable while playing games will allow them to make their own decisions when you're not around.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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Dates at a glance [so far...]

Mon 9 Mar	Parent Appointments	Whole School	After school
Tues 10 Mar	Parent Appointments	Whole School	After school
Thurs 12 Mar	Life Centre	Year 2	8:45 – 3:30
Thurs 12 Mar	Life Centre	Year 5	8:45 – 3:30
Thurs 12 Mar	School Games Qualifier – Netball	U11 team	12:45 – 3:15
Thurs 12 Mar	SATS Boosters	Year 6	After school
Thurs 12 Mar	Maths Workshop – Number relationship	Year 5 / Year 6	5:30 – 6:15
Fri 13 Mar	Sports Relief	Whole School	All day
Mon 16 Mar	Starbucks	Reception	9:00 – 11:00
Mon 16 Mar	RNLI assembly	Whole School	9:45 – 10:15
Thurs 19 Mar	SATS Boosters	Year 6	After school
Fri 20 Mar	Down Syndrome Awareness Day	Whole School	8:45 – 3:15
Wed 25 Mar	League Football v St Paul's [away]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Thurs 26 Mar	SATS Boosters	Year 6	After school
Fri 27 Mar	TBC: Girls Football @ Whittingham	KS2 team	TBC
Wed 1 Apr	League Football v Longhoughton [away]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
1 Apr – 3 Apr	Residential	Year 3 / Year 4	All day
Wed 1 Apr	DCHS treasure hunt		4:00 – 5:30
Thurs 2 Apr	Quicksticks Festival @ DCHS	Year 3 – Year 6	3:30 – 5:00
Thurs 2 Apr	SATS Boosters	Year 6	After school
Fri 3 Apr	END of TERM	Whole School	
4 Apr – 19 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAY ☺		
Wed 29 Apr	School Games Quadkids qualifier	U9 [Y4 – Y3 team]	9:30 – 12:00
Wed 29 Apr	School Games Quadkids qualifier	U11 [Y5 – Y6 team]	12:45 – 3:00
Fri 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY for VE day	Whole School	All day
11 – 14 May	KS2 SATS	Year 6	9:00 – 12:00
23 - 31 May	MAY ½ TERM		
Mon 1 June	STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED		
3 – 5 June	London residential	Year 6	All day
Thurs 18 June	Kirkley Hall Zoo	Year 1	All day
Fri 19 June	Maths Challenge @ DCHS	Year 6	All day
Tues 23 June	Musical Roots @ Alnwick Garden	Year 3 / Year 4 / Ceilidh	All day
Thurs 25 June	Northumberland School Games Day		All day
Fri 26 June	Sports Day & School Fair	Whole School	1:00 – 3:00
Wed 1 July	Northumberland County Zoo	Reception	All day
Fri 3 July	Maths Day @ DCHS	Year 5	TBC
Fri 17 July	End of Term	Whole School	2:00
18 July	SUMMER HOLIDAY ☺		

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What's on in the wider community...

Alnmouth Golf Club	Alnmouth Golf Club - juniors
Alnmouth Juniors FC	Thursday night training
Alnwick Academy of Dance	Alnwick Academy of Dance
Alnwick Bears RLFC	www.alnwickbears.co.uk
Alnwick Highland Dancers	Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00, Lindisfarne Middle School Hall Reception upwards
Alnwick Junior Harriers	Tuesday & Thursday 6 – 7 pm @ Lindisfarne Sports Centre contact Alison Hutchings on: ah.juniorharriers@gmail.com
Alnwick Town Juniors FC	http://www.alnwicktownjuniors.co.uk/
Amble Junior Netball	Thursday evenings [6:30 – 7:30pm] for Y3 upwards at James Calvert Spence College [JCSC] Amble. Y2 are welcome but parents need to stay. £1.50 per week.
Alnwick Mini & Juniors Rugby [Year 1 upwards]	Every Sunday 10:30 – 12 noon ☺ Year 1 – Year 3 = tag rugby; Year 4 upwards = contact rugby.
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesday evenings, Felton or Alnwick info@northumberlandscouts.org.uk
Coquet Shorebase	https://www.coquetshorebase.org.uk/ windsurfing, kayaking, sailing and more
Cricket	Juniors [Y3 – Y8] Alnmouth, Alnwick, Warkworth Cricket Clubs
Dansformation	Dansformation Thursday 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. @ Alnwick Playhouse
FC Amble Juniors	FC Amble Juniors
Felton Juniors FC	Felton juniors
Judo Alnwick	Alnwick Judo https://www.getintomartialarts.com Monday, 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Karate	Monday and Friday evenings @ Willowburn
Longhoughton Rangers FC	Longhoughton Rangers Football Club
Morpeth Junior Hockey	Morpeth Juniors Hockey Club Sunday 9:30 – 11:00
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	Register your interest at https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/ Monday evenings during term time at Warkworth Primary School.

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY OTHER CLUBS WE COULD ADD?