

St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"

Telephone: 01798 872007 WB 8th January 2024

With the onset of the colder weather, and more due next week, can we ask that you please ensure that your children are coming to school with a warm coat every day – they won't be allowed outside without layers.

Reflection - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1bDXYjmQzM

Front display – Hiumility - The children have been thinking about the Christian value of Humility with the quote 'Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less' by C.S. Lewis. The children talked about people who they would think more about and how they would do this.



Arctic Explorers – With the weather turning so cold, it is a perfect time for this topic! It was great to see so many explorers arriving at school from India and Italy classes.









Little Lifesavers – Year 6 have spent a morning with Little Lifesavers. This is such an important life skill for children to develop and this is the first experience for some children. Thank you to Little Lifesavers who ran this and supported children and adults.









Five million words - Daniel P (Jap) – has gained five million words – this is the most amazing achievement and I look forward to having hot chocolate with him next week to celebrate his achievement.

Marvellous machines - What an amazing day for UK and Thailand Class. Our first ever Taking it Apart day was a huge success. The children showed real determination and perseverance when some of the screws did not want to budge. It was fascinating to see all the different parts inside the machines. This week we are placing them out to create artwork like Todd McLellan did in his photographs.

Many thanks to all those who donated machines for this event.









Celebration assemblies - Spring term - These will start at 9am.

Thurs 18th Jan – Italy

Thurs 25th Jan - Thailand

Thur 1st Feb - SA

Thur 8th Feb – Mexico (large hall) USA (small hall)

Thur 22nd Feb – Jap

Thur 29th Feb – UK (small hall) SL (Large hall)

Thur 7th Mar – NZ

Thur 14th Mar - Ireland

Thur 21st Mar - India



Vine leaves – Daisy B (SL) for compassion as a child was a bit lost as she had no one to walk into class with last week and Daisy, without any prompt, put her arm around her and walked in with her. It was really kind and showed such care. Leo D (Jap) for kindness and friendship. He put his arm around another child who was being left out during playtime and said 'don't worry, you can be in my team'. Freddie (NZ) for kindness as you are a wonderful friend and for caring about others. Jesse



(NZ) for perseverance and for trying your best to improve your handwriting. Annabelle and Poppy (NZ) for courage as you shared some gymnastics moves in our PE lessons. Ada (Ind) for wisdom as she was passing on her wisdom by helping others during Maths. Arlo (Ind) for helping George warm up after our trip to Antarctica and also for ensuring another child had a turn with chipping the ice during our Science. Max H (USA) for friendship and humility. He always wants to help others and he is also going to meet another child in the mornings to help them come into school. Aaron G (SA) for wisdom as you have shared your knowledge about our new topic so articulately. Katiemay (SA) for perseverance as you have listened carefully to feedback and used this to improve your writing - well done.

Dates for your diary - SPRING TERM

- Mon 15th Jan KS2 Author visit David Fuller
- Weds 17th Jan Year 5/6 Greek Day
- Thurs 18th Jan Census Day for hot school meals and funding
- Mon 22nd Jan Thought-Full Sleep workshop for all parents please complete the Google Form
- Tues 30th Jan Year 4 Horsham Museum visiting
- Tue 6th Feb KS2 SATs meeting for parents 3.30pm
- Mon 12th Feb Fri 16th Feb HALF TERM





Ava M (Ind) – passed her stage 3 swimming – well done!





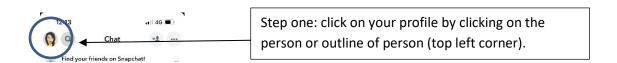
For Parents with young people on social media

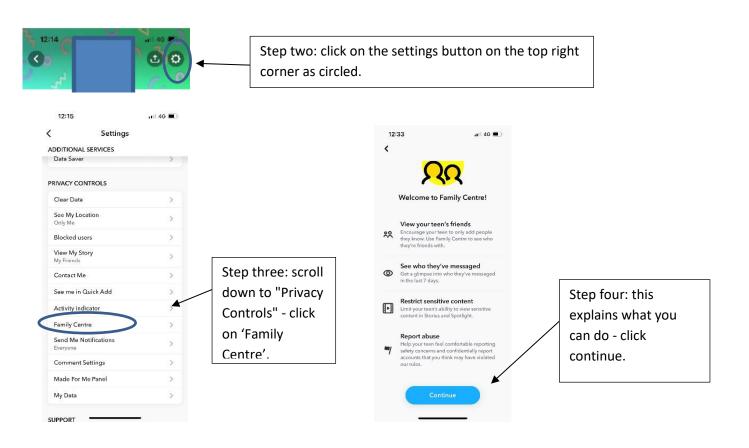
On every social media app there is a way for parents to keep their children safe by using 'Family Centre' - having this and adding your children will mean you have access to their list of friends and see who they are speaking to and restrict content. However, for this to work you must have linked their profile to yours through the family centre.

Here is how to get to this option - below is how to find and use this setting.

Snapchat

You have to download Snapchat.



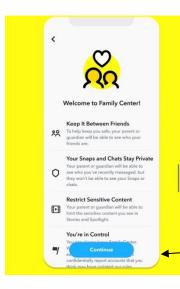




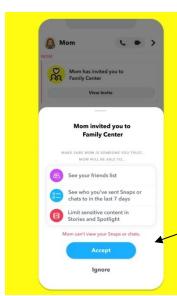
Step five: select young people to add to the plan and add them.



Step Six: Your young person will get a notification.



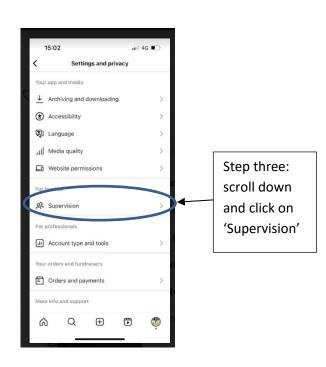
Step seven: on their device, either they or you will have to click continue

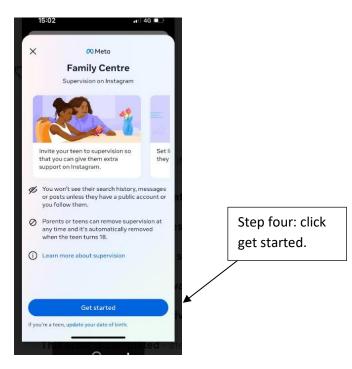


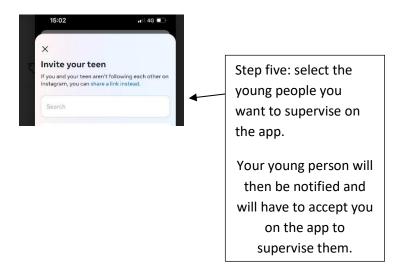
Step eight: the terms will have to be accepted on your young person's device for you to then have access to the information.

Instagram



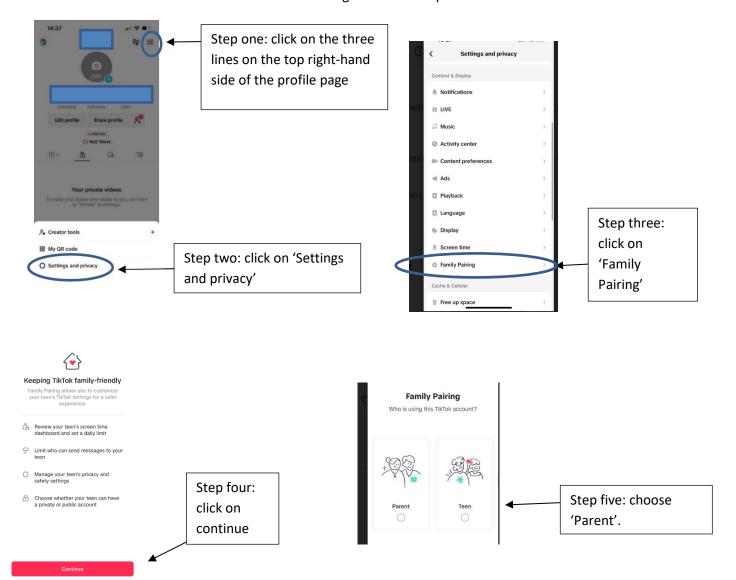


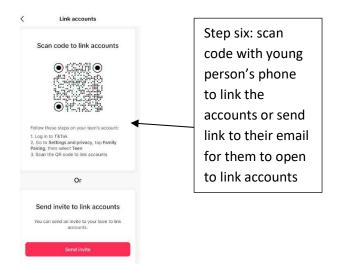




Tiktok

Tiktok use "Family pairing" to Keep TikTok family friendly. This allows you to customise your teens' TikTok settings for a safer experience.





Umbrellas

Parent Support Group Spring Term 2024

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 amSouthwick Community Centre
9th Jan / 6th Feb / 5th Mar

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
10th Jan / 7th Feb / 6th Mar

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

16th Jan / 20th Feb / 12th Mar

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub (The Needles)
17th Jan / 21st Feb / 20th Mar

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am Donnington Parish Hall 25th Jan / 29th Feb / 28th Mar

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
23rd Jan / 27th Feb / 26th Mar

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact Hannah Delmar-Addy:

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www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

4th Jan	7.30 pm - 9 pm
18th Jan	10 am - 11.30 am
1st Feb	7.30 pm - 9 pm
22nd Feb	10 am - 11.30am
7th Mar	7.30 pm - 9 pm
21st Mar	10 am - 11.30 am



Pulbaraugh Pap-In



Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available. Pre-schoolers are welcome.



WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time) From 9am - Ilam

@ Pulborough Library

£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact Isla Moran 075 226 89948 isla@pdcca.org.uk











Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.

Our webinar will help you:

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. Book your place via this link: nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets