



# Hackwood News

## 22nd December, 2021



Dear Families,

The children have been enjoying their time in school this half term and we are proud to share some photos of the children showcasing their fabulous learning as well as having some festive fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team for their commitment and care towards the children at all times. I would also like to thank you for your support and kind messages.

Have a lovely Christmas and a peaceful Christmas break.

Best wishes,

Mrs T. Rolfs and the Hackwood Team

Executive Principal

### **Covid**

We don't yet know what January will look like, from a covid perspective, but academy and trust leaders will be monitoring the situation over the Christmas break. All staff will be taking a break over the Christmas period, therefore the info@ account will not be monitored. If there is any uncertainty around schooling then a message will be sent to parents by 7th January 2022. At the current time, we **do** expect to be open as usual on 10th January and we do not have any prior notice from the government around decisions that affect schools so please bare this in mind. As always we will endeavour to keep you informed. Many thanks for your support

### **PROUD Hackwood Learners**

This half term we have introduced a new PROUD learning approach. We know how important it is for children to have sense of pride in what they do (as well as who they are) and PROUD stands our 'golden threads' of learning: P-Pride in learning, R-Reading, O-Oracy, U-Understanding myself and a learner, D-Drive and determination. These all link to the Harmony Pledge Character Competencies.

### **Trim Trail**

Over the last few weeks you will have seen the trim trail take shape and we look forward to using it in the new year.



### **Christmas Learning/ Activities :**

Over the Christmas period we hope all our children have some time to recharge their batteries ready for the term ahead and spend quality time with family. It is always helpful to continue with regular reading, whether this be your child's own reading book or sharing a book together so please continue to encourage your child. Please see attached a holiday reading challenge children can join in with. We also attach to this newsletter an optional Digital Challenge for our KS2 children. You are welcome to upload any of these activities onto Seesaw to share with your class in January. Enjoy!

### **Spring 1 learning**

Year group learning documents are shared on the school website, including 'What we are learning about', 'Topic knowledge organisers' and 'Home learning grids'. Please look on our class pages for this information. Any additional home learning for children needing to isolate will also be shared on the website and learning platforms.

### **Safeguarding**

The safeguarding email will be checked each week of the holiday should there be any concerns.

[safeguarding@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org](mailto:safeguarding@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org)

Out of school hours/school holidays contact - The Initial Response Team (9am - 5pm) 01332 641172

At all other times concerns can be discussed with - Derby City Careline (social care) 01332 956606

Further information about Derby Safeguarding procedures are available at <https://www.ddscp.org.uk/>

### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 10th January — First day back in school

Thursday 10th February—Year 5 Space Centre Trip and Sleepover (at school)

Tuesday 8th February—Safer Internet Day

January—Year 4 Partake

Friday 18th February—INSET day

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help you inform conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

## The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

# FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

- 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD**  
If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It's help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something new, unrelated to them or something which other people don't guess. It's also a good idea for parents to write it down (in case it gets forgotten).
- 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**  
This is really an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and what), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they won't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS**  
One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games or use apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest route is to ensure you set the device's settings so they can only download games and apps appropriate for their age.
- 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE**  
Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also recognise that it's a good idea to keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.
- 5. HAVE THE MONEY CONVERSATION**  
Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree an spending limit and ensure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.
- 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY**  
Of course, children who've just got a new device will not usually want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're tapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.
- 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS**  
Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family know, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, third parties could access their personal information without them even knowing.
- 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME**  
Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, keeping your child to sleep and focused in order to perform well at school.
- 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES**  
Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or trick someone into handing over their device.
- 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF**  
It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.
- 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS**  
It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and not looking where they were. Remind your child that someone could walk past them. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.
- 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK**  
Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

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## HTML Christmas Digital Challenge

Why not show off your amazing iPad skills this Winter?

Challenge yourselves to have a go at some of our Christmas Challenges...or even think of some of your own!

Send a PicCollage Christmas Card!

Save some Christmas pictures from Google or have a go at designing your own with the pen tool in the Notes app to create your own Christmas card to send to friends and family.



MyOn Christmas!



Enjoy clocking up some reading minutes on MyOn by searching the library for Winter or Christmas related books! Don't forget to Quiz on AR!



ChatterPix Karaoke!

Save a picture of Santa, Rudolf or a Snowman off Google and create your very own ChatterPix Christmas song

Shake a Snow Globe!



Scan the QR Code and the tutorial for how to turn yourselves into a Augmented Reality snow globe!



Christmas Rock!



Use your Garage Band skills or explore the APP to create your very own Christmas song! Try using You Tube to search for some tutorials if you need some more support



Green Screen Christmas!

Use your Green Screen skills on iMovie or DoInk to create a digital Christmas Card or Movie!



Send a Merry Christmas

Scan the QR Code to follow the tutorial for how to use Scratch Jr to make an animated Christmas Card



Share your amazing Christmas Challenges to your class teachers by the end of your first week back at school in January



## Woodpeckers



## Hedgehogs





## Owls



## Foxes





## Badgers



Although not juicy the fig is an incredibly luscious fruit, with a delicate aroma and sweet flavour.

Originally from Asia, figs are now grown across the Mediterranean. The Ancient Greeks regarded them as a delicacy. Since they were (and still are) expensive, they were eaten by the rich, and for special occasions.

## Figs



Figs are very delicate and need gentle handling. You can also buy them dried.

Figs have an oval or squat pear shape, and thin skin that encloses hundreds of seeds (actually miniature fruits themselves) held in a succulent, softly fibrous red or purple flesh.

## Christmas at Hackwood!



