

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School Newsdesk

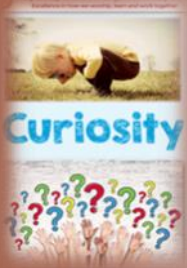


Friday 8th December 2023

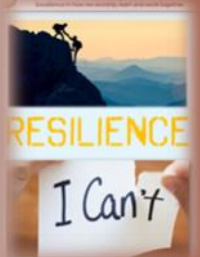


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As we prepare during this time of Advent towards the lead up to Christmas, A new candle is lit each week as part of collective worship until all four candles are burning.



As we light each candle we remember that it is a time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is also a time for Christians to look forward to a time when Jesus will come again.

The candles remind Christians of the light of God, Each candle has a different meaning

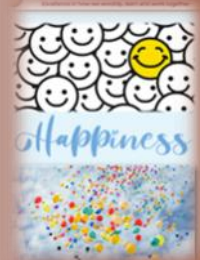
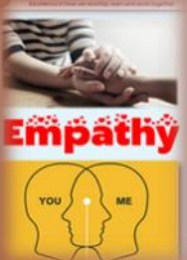
- ✧ The first candle is the candle of 'Hope', so prayers on this day focus on hope. This candle represents the 'Patriarchs' such as Abraham and David.
- ✧ The second candle is a symbol of God's 'Peace'. This candle reminds Christians of the Prophets who foretold that the Messiah would be born.
- ✧ The third candle represents 'Love' and stands for John the Baptist who baptised Jesus.
- ✧ The fourth candle symbolises 'Joy' and when this candle is lit Christians remember Mary the mother of Jesus who was joyful when the angel Gabriel told her she was to have a special baby.



In this season of expectation may we rejoice and give thanks.

Kind regards

Ms Thomas



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Holy Trinity Values Ambassador



Our Pupil Values Ambassador this week is
Eden Lutuka

You are always willing to lend a hand and are very helpful to all adults. Well-done

Holy Trinity Staff Values Ambassador



Our Staff Values Ambassador this week is
Ms Faustina Adjaye

You are completely dedicated to not only the children in your class, but children across the school who need nurturing or support. Thank you

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This coming Sunday sees the second Sunday in Advent as we build up to Christmas. This week we shall be looking at the next 2 aspects of our school's Values in line with Advent



EMPATHY

As Christians one of the ways in which we can demonstrate not just our love for God and others around us, but that we are true disciples of Christ is through our empathy for one another .

We live in a world where empathy no longer feature in how we relate with ourselves. A simple example is putting ourselves in the he position of others when we see them going through one difficulty or challenge.

The life of Jesus Christ clearly shows how he empathised with those around him. In the book of Mark Chapters 1 & 8 , we see Jesus demonstrate empathy by healing the 10 Lepers, and by feeding the multitudes that followed him.

It is Gods empathy over our lives that made him send his Son to come and die for us, so our sins can be forgiven.

As we approach Christmas, pray to God to give you the ability to empathise with those that need empathy, especially during difficult times

RESILIENCE

This is an attribute we learn to build in to our lives. This comes from not just our experiences in life, but through our walk with God on a daily basis. Jesus Christ showed resilience on His way to the place of His crucifixion. Here we see him despite the pain and anguish, that he still had time to minister to the crowds around Him, even on the cross he did not allow his pain to overshadow his resilience, when he prayed for his accusers *"Father forgive them for they know not what they do"*

Lets build resilience into our lives as it is one of the highest forms of discipline we can posses

Have a great weekend.



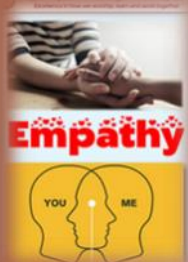
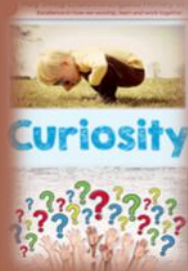
Playtime Buddies

This week, the School Council met to select Playtime Buddies from year 5 and year 6. Playtime Buddies will support the school community at playtime, both inside the building and on the playground.

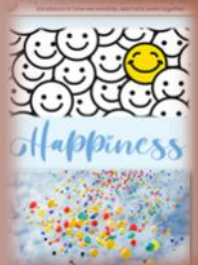
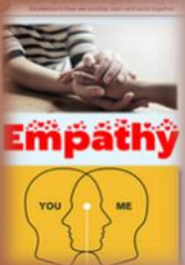
The names will be announced next week in collective worship.

Playtime Buddies

Congratulations to our new playtime buddies! After being trained, they have hit the ground running, supporting their peers during lunchtime breaks.



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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSFLASH

5 ways a better internet starts with you

BBC's Own It have put together five key tips to help children to have a positive experience on line.

There are so many things you can do to make your online life positive and fun.

We asked our partners at the UK Safer Internet Centre for some tips to help you to nail it online.

Here's what they came up with:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/the-basics/it-starts-with-us?collection=staying-safe>

Punctuality News

Bunny Class	Needs to improve	79%
Badger Class	Good	94%
Bear Class	Good	90%
Puma Class	Good	90%
Panther Class	Good	90%
Jaguar Class	Good	93%
Cheetah Class	Good	92%
Lion Class	Good	95%
Tiger Class	Good	91%

EVERY
MINUTE
COUNTS



Better late
than never,
but never late
is better.



Our registers close at 9am every day.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- ✱ Monday 11th December: Christmas production dress rehearsals (Reception & Yrs 1& 2)
- ✱ Tuesday 12th December: Sport inspired Multi sports festival Yr4
- ✱ Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Production (Reception & Yrs 1& 2)
- ✱ Thursday 14th December: Panther class visit to the Millennium Bridge
- ✱ Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Eucharist Service
- ✱ Wednesday 20th December: School closes at 3.15pm

2023 - 24 TERM DATES

Term	Start Date	Finish Date	Number of Days
Autumn One			
Term One (2023)	Wednesday 6th September <i>Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September – INSET Days</i>	Friday 20th October	35 days
Holiday	Monday 23rd October	Friday 27th October	
Autumn Two			
Term Two	Monday 30th October	Wednesday 20th December <i>Thursday 21st December – INSET Day</i>	39 days
Holiday	Friday 22nd December	Friday 5th January 2024	
Spring One			
Term Three (2024)	Wednesday 10th January <i>Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th January – INSET Days</i>	Friday 9th February	25 days
Holiday	Monday 12th February	Friday 16th February	
Spring Two			
Term Four	Monday 19th February	Thursday 28th March	29 days
Holiday	Friday 29th March	Friday 12th April	
Summer One			
Term Five	Monday 15th April	Friday 24th May	29 days
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2023		
Holiday	Monday 27th May	Friday 31st May	
Summer Two			
Term Six	Monday 3rd June	Wednesday 24^h July	38 days

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SOCIAL MEDIA & MENTAL HEALTH

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down 'rabbit holes' that aren't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing such 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which so enthralls young people, but we can still help children to be aware of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK – and knowing what to do about content that upsets them.

1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM

Algorithms rank content by user interest: someone who regularly interacts with sports news, say, will see the latest results at the top of their feed. Likewise, if a user browses content that can cause harm, that's what will be recommended to them in future. Someone who's had a bad day and looks for posts which reflect their mood will find similar content being suggested to them more and more.

2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS

Avoiding the default feeds on social media platforms limits the amount of recommended content that's shown. Users can opt to only scroll through the accounts they follow, use restricted modes, or highlight posts that they don't want to see more of. Explore the platform safety settings to see how you can take control of what your child's phone shows them when they open the app.

3. DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE SEEN

Chatting about what your child's seen online keeps you aware of the content they're interacting with. Don't assume that platforms are screening out inappropriate material, or even that your child would recognise content as being harmful. Discuss who they follow, what posts they like and what comes up in their feeds: if alarm bells ring, it could be time for a more in-depth talk or to seek support.

4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT

If your child stumbles across unsuitable content on social media, there's the option to hide that post as well as indicating you'd prefer any similar material not to be suggested in future. On some platforms, you might also be able to block posts that contain specific words, which is an excellent way to start taking control of what your child sees online.

5. SET DAILY LIMITS

Phones and most apps can tell you how much they're being used. Spending too long online can mean a child misses out on other activities that are important to all-round wellbeing. You could set some family rules – for everyone to follow – around device use, such as screen time limits and tech-free spaces: involving your child in creating this agreement makes them more likely to stick to it.

6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY

Keeping a discreet eye on how your child is using social media can help ensure they're not entering potentially dangerous situations. As they grow up, of course, children need space to exercise their independence – but you can still occasionally ask to see what they're looking at. Be transparent about your own social media use and try not to sound judgemental about your child's.

7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Even for adults, it's tempting to check an email or message as soon as the alert sound pings. Push notifications encourage people to open their apps and spend time on their device, so turning them off will help your child to practise mindful use of tech. Most of us have other things that we need to focus on as a priority – and those notifications will still be there later, when we have more time.

8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER

Giving children internet-enabled devices and complete freedom to explore platforms on their own can result in exposure to hugely damaging content. You could consider making a particular area at home a designated space to use phones, tablets and so on – making it much easier to monitor what content your child is viewing and (if necessary) steer them away from any potentially harmful paths.

9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mental health professionals often highlight the importance of exercise, quality time with loved ones, a balanced diet and restful sleep for our mental wellbeing. Spending hours on social media can cause us to sacrifice other activities that our brains need to feel well – so encouraging your child to put down their phone and enjoy something that doesn't involve a screen can be immensely beneficial.

10. TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE

Most platforms default children's accounts to private, so only people they've accepted as friends can see their posts. This reduces the risk of bullying or unkind comments, but – just like offline life – the digital world can still make children feel as if they need to act or look a certain way to fit in. Talk to your child about peer pressure, and listen to any concerns so you can provide the support they need.

Meet Our Expert

Shazia Sarwar-Azmi is executive headteacher at a specialist primary school and, as an emotional therapy coach, works with school leaders to focus on the SEND, mental health and wellbeing agenda. A passionate advocate for vulnerable learners, Shazia is a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and the author of *The Rainbow Within*, a book which supports children with SEMH needs.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
in UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

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'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Christmas *at* VAUXHALL CITY FARM

This festive season we bring you a wonderland of festivities for all of the family to enjoy!

WINTER LIGHT TRAIL

From Friday 1st December our garden will be transformed into a twinkling Winter Light Trail.

SANTA'S GROTTO

Father Christmas will be welcoming families into his grotto where all children will receive a Christmas present and can take a photo with him.

MACRAMÉ WREATH MAKING

Goodbye to the traditional style wreath, hello macramé! These creative sessions bring you a modern twist on the famous wreath by using a macramé technique paired with seasonal foliage, and its yours to keep!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Looking for the perfect gift, or a treat for yourself? Head to our Christmas market on 16th & 17th Dec at 11:30am.

A full breakdown of dates and times for specific festivities can be found here: <https://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org/latest-events/>

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Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

South Bank Centre: Fab-YULE-ous Voices Showcase & Winter Lights **FREE**

Saturday 9th December, running all day from 12.15 - 7.00pm, drop in any time

Clore Ballroom, Royal Festival Hall, Southbank, SE1 8XX, Tubes / trains: Waterloo

Surround yourself with uplifting harmonies in an afternoon of free performances by incredible local choirs

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/family-young-people/fab-yule-ous-voices>

Also, Winter Lights exhibition: *running every day until 7th Jan*. Exhibition of coloured light artworks, best seen after dark!

Horniman Museum: Family Craft Saturday - **FREE**

Saturday 9th December 2pm - 4pm - drop in, last entry 3.30pm

Education Centre, Horniman Museum, 100 London Rd, Forest Hill, SE23 3PQ

Join us to create a piece of collage by decorating a box with all the things you like to create and tell the story of you

www.horniman.ac.uk/event/saturday-craft-afternoons

Royal Academy: Family Studio - Sir Frank Bowling **FREE**

Sunday 10th December, 11am - 1pm & 2 - 4pm - art workshop for families

Clore Learning Centre, Burlington Gardens, W1S 3ET Nearest tubes: Oxford Circus & Bond Street

Create your own textured and collaged artwork inspired by Royal Academician [Sir Frank Bowling](#).

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/event/family-studio-frank-bowling>

Brixton Chamber Orchestra: Christmas Estate Tour performances **FREE**

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December 3.30pm & 7.00pm brixchamber.com

Brixton Chamber Orchestra's housing estate tours between the 8th & 21st Dec, features the 25-piece orchestra alongside emerging local singers and rappers with an hour-long set spanning musical genres - something for everyone!

Saturday 9 December, 3:30pm: Clapham Park Estate, The Cube (SW4 8EP)

Saturday 9 December, 7:00pm: St Vincent's Centre, St Vincent's Centre (SW2 1AS)

Sunday 10 December, 3:30pm: Notre Dame Estate, Notre Dame Community Hall (SW4 9QU)

Sunday 10 December, 7:00pm: St Matthew's Estate, Tenants' Hall (SW2 1NH)

Agnes Riley Gardens / One O'clock Club: Meet Santa!

Sunday 10th December 3.00 - 7.00pm

One O'clock Club, Poynders Road entrance, Agnes Riley Gardens, SW12 0AH - Tickets £3.50 per child

There will be cakes, hot drinks, face painting, art & crafts. Santa will be there with his elf and a gift!

For bookings, please call or message / WhatsApp 07767 646304, giving how many tickets you want

Wild Norwood Festival: Cemetery Fair & Winter Fairytales - **FREE**

Sunday 10th December, from 2.00pm

West Norwood Cemetery, Norwood Rd, SE27 9JU <https://www.westnorwoodcemetery.org/events>

2.00 - 6.00pm, Cemetery Fair: stalls offering festive activities including lantern making, Morris dancing and singing

6.30 - 8.30pm, Winter Fairytales: Magical festive event for families with children aged 5+ - a magical lantern lit walk, winter fairytales by candlelight in the chapel and star gazing through telescopes [Book here for this free event](#)

Brixton Windmill: Winter Market - **FREE**

Sunday 10th December, 12 noon - 3.30pm

Windmill Gardens, 100 Blenheim Gardens, Brixton Hill, SW2 5DA

Outdoor food & drinks stalls, craft workshops for children, live music visit Santa's Grotto (1-3pm), donation £4 per child

<https://www.brixtonwindmill.org/events/winter-market-and-santas-grotto/>

Rachel Thomas, Windmill Cluster (rtomas@sudbourne.com)

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THIS CHRISTMAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR DONATION

WE ARE HAVING A WINTER CELEBRATION
FOR THE SANCTUARY SEEKING CHILDREN
IN LAMBETH AND WOULD REALLY
APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD BUY A GIFT
FROM OUR WISH LIST

THE LAMBETH SANCTUARY SERVICES TEAM (LSS) COORDINATE SUPPORT AND WELCOME SANCTUARY
SEEKERS UNDER THE BELOW SCHEMES:

ASYLUM SEEKERS, HOMES FOR UKRAINE AND RESETTLEMENT SCHEME.

WE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING GIFTS TO UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AND CHILDREN UNDER THE
NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUND SCHEME

*We
appreciate
you*

IF NOT DIRECTLY PROMPTED,
PLEASE ADDRESS ANY
GIFT TO:
SANCTUARY SERVICES
LAMBETH TOWN HALL
2 BRIXTON HILL
LONDON, SW2 1RW

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
ACCESS THE WISH LIST



CONTACT US ON
UKRAINESUPPORT@LAMBETH.GOV.UK

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Warm Space Wednesdays are back
Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm from 22 November

Brixton Windmill Centre will be open every Wednesday 1pm to 3pm from next week - everyone is welcome to pop in for free hot drinks and a chat in our welcoming space. Ferisa will also be on hand with free advice sessions from 2pm to 3pm on everything from benefits to housing. Please help us get the word out!

Thanks to Lambeth Council for providing us with the funding to open up.

THIS IS A TICKET ONLY EVENT BOOK NOW!

All in One EVENTS

Santa's Grotto & CHRISTMAS MARKET

What Santa is like in town

SANTA'S GROTTTO

1.5 hours of fun for the children, filled with a variety of Arts & Crafts activities, writing a letter to Santa & of course meet and greet Santa himself, receiving a gift!

CHRISTMAS MARKET
FOOD - BAR - GIFTS - MORE!

Soak in the festive spirit and get in some last minute holiday shopping!

FREE MARKET TICKETS!

LOCATION:
STREATHAM SPACE PROJECT
STERNHOLD AVENUE | STREATHAM HILL | SW2 4PA

PLEASE NOTE: THIS VENUE IS STEP-FREE CONTACT US ON AIOEVENTS@ALLINONEGIFTS.CO.UK

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SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023
SLOTS: 11AM, 1PM, 3PM & 5PM
GROTTO: FROM £19.12 | MARKET: FREE

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