



# NEWSLETTER

## 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024

SPRING TERM 2 | WEEK 4

Dear Families,

This term seems to have vanished before our very eyes! The children have been doing a great job in school, working hard and practising lots for all of the different events that have been taking place. This week has seen our Year 2 class assembly and we look forward to the Year 4 mini-musical next week. A gentle reminder that we finish school on Thursday next week (28.3.24)

**Medical forms:** thank you to those who have completed the medical forms that were sent out by email. Please make sure this is acknowledged by completing the form, whether your child has a specific medical condition(s) or not. Here is the link <https://forms.office.com/e/svMP9CGdVV> Thanks for your co-operation with this.

**Online safety:** We've attached another guide this week, before breaking up for half term, that relates to using the Playstation, and Snapchat, amongst other things. Please take some time to have a read through to see if it can be of any help.

**Parking in the staff car park:** please can all families **refrain from using the staff car park at any collection points before, during or after the school day**. It is becoming increasingly dangerous for different members of our school community. In the last week alone, there have been two potentially dangerous situations that were luckily avoided. Please park outside of the school grounds when collecting your children – many thanks for your cooperation with this.

**FORA volunteers:** If you have some spare time, or could commit to an event run by FORA, volunteering for FORA would be greatly appreciated. It was the KS2 Film night event this week - thank you to FORA for their organisation and smooth running of the event. The funds raised greatly help our children's experience in school and we are very appreciative of the time and effort that goes into making the events successful.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Mr Reed

Inspiring all to  
**"live life in all its fullness"\***  
so that we may look back  
with pride and move  
forward with confidence.  
**\*(John 10:10)**

### Dates for your diary

27<sup>th</sup> March – Y3/4 Mini Musical 2.40pm & 6pm

27<sup>th</sup> March – Charity Bake Sale

28<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Bikeability Group 1

28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service

28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

11<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer Term 1

18<sup>th</sup> April – Burghley Class Assembly @ 3pm

19<sup>th</sup> April – Y5 Swimming (Details will be sent next week)



# EASTER

Last year at this time, we transformed a plain cross, representing Jesus's death on the cross on Good Friday, into a flower cross, representing his resurrection on Easter day. We would like to do this again as it was an impactful way of getting the Easter message across. On the morning of Thursday 28th March, every child is invited to fix a flower to the cross as they come through the gates. If your child would like to help decorate the cross, they will need to bring in a single flower or a small posy of flowers (approx. 3 or 4 flowers tied with string). Mrs Szyszka will be at the gate to help your child attach their flower(s) to the cross. Later in the day we will walk to church, in a procession with the flower cross leading the way (weather permitting) for a whole school Easter Service with Rev Jo. We will then leave the Easter Cross at St John's Church for everyone to enjoy.



## CHARITY EVENT

All money  
received  
will be  
donated

to  
SHELTER

Extra donations will  
be gratefully accepted. ✂



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
March

Our Bakery Sells:



chocolate dipped / normal  
honeycomb bag  
£2



delicious cupcakes  
£1.30



amazingly chocolatey  
brownies  
£1.50

A group of children  
in Y5 have  
organised a bake  
sale to raise money  
for Shelter.

Please support  
them after school  
on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
March. They will be  
sold on the school  
playground.



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# ATTENDANCE

Class	YTD %
Belvoir	93.04%
Belton	95%
Rockingham	98.33%
Burghley	97%
Woolsthorpe	95%
Tolethorpe	91.72%
Hambleton	93.04%

Our overall school attendance this week is 95.05% which is slightly above the national average. Please do get in touch if you need any support with attendance.

Well done to Class who jointly won the Attendance Trophy with % attendance for all.

Thank you for the continued communication and co-operation with the different procedures in place.

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children awarded Star of the Week in our Celebration Assembly this morning.



Belvoir	Harry L
Belton	Archie & Georgia
Rockingham	Whole Class
Burghley	Lizzy
Woolsthorpe	Arthur B
Tolethorpe	Izzy
Hambleton	Phoebe

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION & REMINDERS

We are a nut free school as we have children who are allergic to nuts. Please remember this when preparing packed lunches or snacks and avoid food containing nuts such as chocolate spread and pesto.

If you need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park with consideration of resident's drives, garages or access to roads. Please remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited to ensure the safety of the children during the busier periods of the day.

A reminder to families to not use the staff car park when either dropping children to school or collecting them – this is purely for the safety of the children and staff. This does apply to drop off and pick up from Wrap Around Care and clubs.

## Worried About A Child?

**Should you have any concerns about a child, please speak to any member of school staff who can, where required, direct you to the relevant people.**

**Our staff trained to deal with potential safeguarding concerns and worries are:**

- Mr A Reed (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs D Jesson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs C Hicks (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs E Jagger (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs L Garwood (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)



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# Online Safety Newsletter

## Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

### Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screentime passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

### Android devices:

As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB&zipy=%2Cfor-family-members-who-manage-their-own-accounts>

## PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.



### How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

### What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

*Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.*

### Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

## YouTube Shorts

**You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube.** YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels. 'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button. The INEQUE Safeguarding Group discuss this feature in more detail here:

<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>



# Snapchat: new controls

## What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



You can find out more about Snapchat here: <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB>

## Family Center: new features

Snapchat are expanding the features available to you in their Family Center, allowing parents to view:

- story settings: you will be able to see who your child is sharing their story with e.g. all their friends or a smaller group.
- contact settings: see who your child can be contacted by (by people they have added as a friend or their phone contacts).
- if your child is sharing their location with friends on the Snap Map.

In addition, you will be able to restrict the use of Snapchat's 'My AI.' You can find out more here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/expanding-our-in-app-parental-tools-2024>

## More information

The NSPCC provide further information about Snapchat, **the risks involved** with using Snapchat and **tips to help keep your child safe** if they are using Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

## At what age can my child start using social networks?

Internet Matters have produced this fantastic resource highlighting the minimum age limits for a variety of social media platforms as well as outlining the risks of being underage on social media. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking>

## Reality Check from Parent Zone



**Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.**

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to have a conversation with your child about VR. Find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>

## Online Safety advice for Early Years

Internet Matters have teamed up with EE to create 'Online Safety Starts Early.' This is a 4-episode series, for those with children in Early Years. Episode one highlights how to create positive habits from the beginning and then provides links to additional resources.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>

## EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online. Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-with-ee/learn>

# WRAP AROUND CARE

## WRAP AROUND CARE AT RYHALL!



COME AND JOIN US BEFORE AND AFTER  
SCHOOL IN A RELIABLE, FAMILIAR AND  
ENJOYABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR A VARIETY  
OF ACTIVITIES

LEGO AND  
K'NEX

OUTDOOR  
PLAY

HEALTHY  
SNACK  
PROVIDED

SPORTS  
AND  
GAMES

ARTS AND  
CRAFTS

FLEXIBLE BOOKING TO SUIT YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS, BOOK UP TO  
MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE

### BREAKFAST

- 7:30AM – 8:50AM: £5.85 PER CHILD

### AFTERNOON:

- 3:30PM – 5:00PM: £6.60 PER CHILD
- 3:30PM – 6:00PM: £11 PER CHILD

### AFTER CLUBS:

- 4:30PM – 5PM: £2.20 PER CHILD
- 4:30PM – 6PM: £6.60 PER CHILD



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# LOCAL EVENTS

## You are invited to St. John's Open Day Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2-5pm

**What's on?** Tours of the church building, bell-chiming,  
family activities and refreshments provided

### How does St. John's Church serve and support Ryhall?

- Looking after the local environment
- Volunteering to support village events
- Marking life events
- Worshipping God

**Come for a chat to find out more and share your ideas!**



## EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH  
11AM-4PM

OAKHAM MARKETPLACE  
AT THE RUTLAND FOOD & DRINK  
FESTIVAL

£3.00 PER CHILD (INCLUDES AN  
Easter egg)



*Easter at*



THE HILLSTONE INN

**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH**

Live music from The Herbie  
Lamb Quartet Jazz Band from  
5pm

**SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**

Live music from Triple Seven  
from 8pm

**SUNDAY 31ST MARCH**

Family fun day. Disco bouncy  
castle, children's magician  
entertainer, Easter egg hunt &  
Duck race from 12pm

**MONDAY 1ST APRIL**

Live music with Jordon  
Poole from 3pm



# HELPING YOU GET BACK IN THE SADDLE!

Active Rutland are  
providing support to get  
Rutland residents  
cycling more  
including:

Learn to ride  
sessions

Adult 'Back  
in the Saddle'  
sessions

Formal  
Bikeability  
Courses

Bike trade-in  
days



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or email: [cycling@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@rutland.gov.uk)