

# KITE FEDERATION NEWS

Christmas Newsletter - 2021



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- ♦ St. Matthews Mini Kites Toddler group—First Friday of each month (begins 7th January)
- ♦ Forest School - Starting January Norwell Yrs 3/4  
St. Matthews Yr 4/5
- ♦ Half Term—14th February
- ♦ Climbing Wall—Starts 24th Feb

## OUR FEDERATION VISION

Together we will  
flourish and thrive,  
building on our Christian  
and local community,  
for the good of all.

Those who trust in the Lord will  
find new strength.  
They will soar high on wings like  
eagles. [Isaiah 40v.31](#)



## A story of hope...

I am so pleased to say that the children have had a wonderful end to the term. The pantomime was a great success and it was brilliant to see the children enjoying themselves so much during it.

The children at both schools sang so well during 'Carols Round the Tree' it even made some staff cry.

Both Nativities reminded us of the real message at Christmas which is one of hope. This is an important for us all to remember going into a new year with new hopes and challenges to face.

So from all of us at  
the Kite Primary  
Federation, we  
would like to wish  
you all a very merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Kathryn King



We look forward to seeing you all again  
on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**



## The perfect message of hope in our Christmas Nativities....

Congratulations to all our Pre-school, Reception and Key Stage 1 children for putting on two fantastic Nativities for the parents and Key Stage 2 pupils at each school.

St. Matthews put together their own version of the Christmas Story, while at Norwell they told the story through "The BIG Little Nativity".

Well done everyone—you were all brilliant !!



## Carols round the Tree

Although we were not able to join both school together this year, we each enjoyed our traditional Carols round the tree along with some festive songs on the ukuleles.





## In the community.....

Children from across our schools have been working really hard making Christmas Crafts and supporting events in our local churches.

We made our advent wreath for St. Laurence church, along with a display for the entrance foyer.



Tilly and Colette are pictured by the display (below). They were visiting church to sing part of Once in Royal David's City at the Christmas Carol Service.



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2021

We were delighted to once again support the Teams4U shoebox appeal, this year sending 29 shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda, Sierra Leone and other parts of the world where these children would otherwise not receive anything for Christmas this year.

Each shoebox is given to a child as part of a long-term commitment to improve their health, education and general wellbeing through their school, nursery, hospital or orphanage.

Thank-you all for your generosity in support of this great cause.



We were also delighted to create decorations and decorate a tree in St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church in Newark, for their annual Christmas tree festival.





## Fun in School.....

All our pupils have been enjoying a week of festive activities in school.

Alongside their Nativity productions and Carols round the tree; all the children got to enjoy Christmas Dinner together. At St. Matthews, everyone made Christingle, while at Norwell our Year 6 pupils led an afternoon of festive fun. There was even a visit from someone special...



### Festive Fun raises £100 for Norwell School.

Thank-you to Ella (Yr 6) for organising an afternoon of festive games, activities, hot chocolate and treats run with the help of the rest of our year 6 pupils. Thank-you all for supporting the event which raised £100 for the school.





## 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'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can'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 really is 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 who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can'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 and explore 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 long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use 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 appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly 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 on a spending limit and reassure 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 naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping 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 knows, 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, then a hacker 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, helping your child to stay fresh 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 nearby 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 having someone transmit a virus onto 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 lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. 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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