



# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week and another adventure for the children and their learning, especially for Year 3, who have been on an exciting trip to Butser Hill. While at the historic site, the children explored the Stone and Iron Ages to understand how nomadic people used to live. Immersing themselves in these ancient lifestyles, they built a wattled fence, made their own cordage and used flint to carve chalk. A great day was had by them all and they were wonderful ambassadors for our school with their behaviour, desires to learn and questioning skills.



We've also had sporting success this week, with the girl's football team, which you can read more about below. Once again, they were fantastic representatives of our school. Well done all!

## Next Week

Date	Event
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Simmonds Class</b> to QCEP
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Steadman Class</b> to QCEP
10 <sup>th</sup>	World Mental Health Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jenkins Class</b> to QCEP

## World Mental Health Day – 10<sup>th</sup> October



Remember to wear **yellow** to help raise awareness for this important day.

By wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day, we can show young people that they are not alone and that things can get better. Wear it loud. Wear it proud. Because we stand brighter, together.

## Reading in class continues...

Week 4 has continued well, don't forget that it continues every **Wednesday** between **8.35 am and 8.55 am**. It is lovely to see so many parents and children reading together each week. We look forward to welcoming you back in again next week.



## The News - Reception Class Photos

The News will be in school on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** to take class photos of the children in Reception. The pictures will appear in a special edition of The News. We will not be asking for consent as you have already provided this. If you would like to review the permissions you have already given, please contact the school office before this date. If you have not completed the online form requesting consent, we will text you to let you know.

## Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	97.5%	94.5%	94.1%	92.9%
KS2	95.7%	95.1%	95.7%	93.9%

Congratulations to Mary Rose.

## Congratulations to...



**Annabelle**

Annabelle took part in the squad championships at her gymnastics. Competing on the bar, beam, vault and floor, she came in the amazing position of first place overall and won her first gold medal. What a fantastic achievement Annabelle. We are all very proud of you and can see that you have worked incredibly hard to compete in all those different disciplines. Very impressive!



## Sporting Success

### Portsmouth U11s Girls Tournament

Huge congratulations to our amazing team of 10 girls who played in the Portsmouth U11s Tournament. They secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 8 teams, with an incredible goal difference of +14! We are so proud of their respect, teamwork and resilience which led to them bringing home some well-deserved medals. Well done girls!



## Golden Child



I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	
	Hart	
	Donaldson	Mabel
1	Adeola	Freddie
	Field	Lily
	Gravett	Alexandra
2	Steadman	Samuel
	Simmonds	Ralph
	Jenkins	
3	Adele	Cooper
	Sheeran	Samuel
	Murs	Ralph
4	Thompson	Grayson
	Rickman	Evan
	Elba	Trinity
5	Peak	Vlad
	Hawking	
	Franklin	Penelope
6	Hussain	Alessia
	Roots	Maddison
	Berry	Grace

This week, EYFS/KS1 children have been recognised for being someone who is kind when interacting with others and the KS2 children for being someone who stands up for what is right.

### Advance Notice: Autumn Term Parents Evenings

Next week details of our first parents' evenings of this academic year will be sent home. These will be taking place during the last week of this half term (Continuing WC 21<sup>st</sup> October) and will all be face to face appointments in school.

## Keeping our children safe online

Continuing our sharing of the informative posters from #WakeUpWednesday, National Online Safety. Please take the time to read through all the tips that will help to ensure that your children are safe online.

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

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMAZON FIRE TABLETS

The Amazon Fire Tablet is a popular choice: not only are Amazon's own-brand devices more affordable than most other tablets on the market, but some models are designed specifically for youngsters (the Fire 7 Kids, Fire 8 HD and Fire HD 10 are aimed at ages 3-7, for example, while the 'Pro' range is geared toward 6 to 12-year-olds). Fires come with access to a wealth of entertaining content, from child-friendly TV shows and videos to age-appropriate games and eBooks.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### STORAGE ISSUES

Many parents have bemoaned the Amazon Fire's relative lack of storage space. Fires ship with either 16GB or 32GB of memory, so if your child gets busy downloading books, games and videos, they'll quickly run out of room. You could invest in an SD card for extra storage (especially if multiple youngsters are sharing the device), so it's worth factoring in this possible additional expense.

#### GETTING LOCKED OUT

If your child unsuccessfully attempts to bypass their security PIN code (to access the Fire's parental controls settings, for instance), too many times, this could easily result in them being locked out of their device – and, arguably even worse, you being locked out of your Amazon or Kindle account. If this happens, the Amazon support team will be able to help you regain access.

#### POTENTIAL ADDICTION

Like most digital technology, Amazon Fires and their child-friendly content tend to be highly engaging to young users. You might find your child often spending hours staring at their tablet, leading to irritability when asked to put it down. It may be a wise move to adjust the built-in screen time settings so you can control exactly how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

#### 'ASSISTANCE' FROM ALEXA

Though the Amazon Fire's parental controls are comprehensive and allow you to limit access to age-inappropriate content, your child could still potentially bypass these restrictions using Alexa, Amazon's built-in AI assistant. We recommend that you switch off this functionality altogether by toggling Alexa to 'off' in the settings menu.

#### FAULTY OLDER MODELS

Back in 2016, Amazon announced a product recall of the Amazon Fire 7 and Kids' Edition power adapters, due to a fault which caused an increased risk of electrical shock. This is no longer an issue on newer models of the Fire tablet, but it's unquestionably worth remembering if you're thinking about picking up a second-hand device for your child.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### REGISTER ON YOUR ACCOUNT

Before your child uses their Fire, you'll need to register it to an Amazon account. Rather than having to set up a dedicated Amazon account for them, Amazon's 'Household' feature simply lets you add a separate profile to your own account. In-app purchases and Amazon store access are set to 'off' by default on child accounts, so young ones can't buy anything on their Fire without the password.

#### CONSIDER A CODENAME

When you add a child profile on a Fire, you can select an image to represent your child and then enter their name, gender and date of birth. To keep things extra secure, you might want to consider using a codename for your child's profile – keeping their real name private from Amazon or anyone else who might ever get access to the account.

#### FILTER SHARED CONTENT

You'll also be asked during the set-up process whether you want the Amazon Fire to be able to share any digital content that you've already purchased. We advise selecting 'For Kids' at this point, as this will only show the family-friendly books or videos in your content library, as opposed to any movies, shows or audiobooks you might have downloaded that aren't suitable for little ones.

#### SET A PASSWORD OR PIN

You'll also be prompted to set a lock screen password or PIN. This is recommended to prevent your child from accessing device settings, browsing the internet, travelling social media or making in-app purchases. If more than one child will be sharing the tablet, you can create a lock screen PIN for each of their profiles, so that each child can only access content that's appropriate for their individual age.

#### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

The Fire's parental controls are very thorough and worth utilising. They let you choose, for example, to restrict access to additional settings such as location-based services, the built-in camera, and specific content types (such as apps). You can also set daily goals and time limits to specify when – or, crucially, for how long – your child can use their Fire tablet.

### Meet Our Expert

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## Half term Holiday Camps



# OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

4-14 years

## 28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

**WHERE?** 

New Horizons Primary,  
Portsmouth (PO2 7JB)

Check out our other South-West venues by [clicking here.](#)

**PH CAMPS PRICES 2024**

	DAY	WEEK
<b>Breakfast Club</b> (08:00 - 09:00)	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Day Booking</b> (09:00-15:00)	<b>£27.00</b>	<b>£121.50</b>
<b>Extended Club</b> (15:00 - 16:00)	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Extended Club</b> (15:00 - 17:30)	<b>£10.50</b>	<b>£42.00</b>

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Thank you for your ongoing support. As always, I wish you a happy and relaxing weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

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