

Frithville Newsletter

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Dear Parent/s and Guardians,

Safeguarding our children is a priority:

Unfortunately, the subject of age appropriate games has reared its ugly head. I apologise unreservedly to the vast majority of parents who strictly control what their children have access to. Yet again we have had parents, police and colleagues from other schools expressing concern regarding young children playing inappropriate video games, articles in the press and incidents of on-line grooming.

Age restrictions on social media sites and on games and films are there for a reason, the children at New York and Frithville are not old enough to have access to games or films that have an 18 certificate because of the violent and sexual content. Children are deemed not old enough to use social media sites until they are 13. This is because children below the age of 13 are far more vulnerable to bullying and on-line grooming. This is also a particularly sensitive time of year, with new consoles and games being bought, especially if there are older siblings in the house



Some of our children, as young as five, have told us that they watch horror movies, or movies with an 18 certificate, with an inappropriate sexual and violent content. They are playing games such as:

- Call of Duty
- Grand Theft Auto
- Gears of War
- Assassin's Creed
- Sniper
- Dogs of War

These games have an 18 certificate for a reason.

Unbelievably, this is an extract of a conversation that I had this week:

"I had to tell my child off for saying that he was going to kill his brother by jumping on his stomach until his eyes popped out!"

Young children are very impressionable, and will copy and mimic what they see and what they hear, especially if it's something their parent/carer has given them... They think it is right. If children talk about these films and games with others in school, using inappropriate language and acting out scenes, then this is a school safeguarding issue... and will be dealt with in accordance with our Child Protection Policy. As parents, as staff, as members of the general public... safeguarding our children is a priority and the law.

And on a more Positive note:

The Christmas card winners for this year are...

<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Georgia Read	Haania Virk	Olivia Scott	Harriet Cooper	Emily Ellis	Jake Sporton	William Johnson

The overall winner is... **William Archer**. (Please have a look on the back...)

Sports Club Award Winner:

Max Duell: For wonderful perseverance.

Headteacher Awards:

Olivia Scott	For being keen to learn
Harriet Ellis	For being keen to learn
Haania Virk	For being keen to learn
Lacey Davison	For being keen to learn
Olivia Fulcher	For being keen to learn
Emily Halliday-Coull	For perseverance in maths
Alexander Barker	For progress made with a mental addition strategy
Micky Gittos	For progress made with a mental addition strategy
Olivia Barker	For progress made with a mental addition strategy
Emily Pye	For super questions in science
Harriet Cooper	For super questions in science
Joshua Lee	For good thinking in English

House Point Winners

Hurricanes - 300 Points

Shining Stars:

Micky Gittos	For his constant positive attitude towards his learning
Adam Johnson	For excellent effort in maths
Isobel Cook	For excellent effort in maths

Dates for your diary:

Celebration of Christmas	Friday 15 th December 2017 6pm
Blackfriars Panto Trip	Monday 18th December 2017
Christmas Party Lunch	Tuesday 19th December 2017
End of Term 2	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Start of Term 3	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018
End of Term 3	Friday 9 th February 2018
Start of Term 4	Monday 19 th February 2018
End of Term 4	Wednesday 28 th March 2018
Start of Term 5	Monday 16 th April 2018
KS2 SATS Week	Mon 14 th May 2018 – Thurs 17 th May 2018
End of Term 5	Friday 25 th May 2018
Start of Term 6	Monday 6 th June 2018
Whitby Residential	Tues 5 th June 2018 – Fri 8 th June 2018
End of Term 6	Wednesday 20 th July 2018

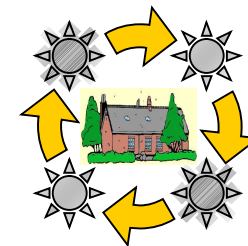
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Designed by William Archer - Reception, aged 4.
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