

# Wraxall's School News



*Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear their news from their week off school. Thank you to all our teachers for their hard work this week as we held our first parents evenings of the year and to Miss B for her admin in the office, sorting out all the log-in information! Thank you also to our parents for joining the meetings on time and being ready and waiting for your appointments. I know it makes a huge difference to all involved.

This term promises to be a busy one with the lead up to Christmas and all the excitement that will bring alongside our ongoing enrichment opportunities.

Coming up over the next few weeks we have lots happening. On Monday we are looking forward to welcoming the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School for a special Christmas performance for the whole school. I'm also digging out my football kit for the football skills session with Jamie Knight next week. It will be great to see a true football performer at work. KS2 are all taking part in the afternoon, with an additional workshop after school for anyone who would like some extra lessons. There are still a few spaces available for this so we are pleased to now be able to open up the afterschool activity to our Year 1 and 2 children too. Sign up by pick up on Monday. On Thursday next week we will be holding a remembrance service and are planning a huge poppy wreath remembrance sign to mark the occasion...watch this space! Finally on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November we will be marking Children in Need with all the children invited to wear yellow or spotty/dotty clothes.

There is lots more happening throughout the term and we will keep you posted about our Christmas plans and arrangements. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Amy Townsend

## Important Dates

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Nativity Performance at the Cross Tree Centre for the whole school by Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Freestyle Football with Jamie Knight – KS2 (KS1+KS2 after school)
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service – Children only
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Whole School Photographs
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Year 5 and 6 Trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon.



## Stars of the Week

Their work is on display on the Wall of Fame in the School Hall.  
Please come and have a look!

Reception – Seraph      Year 1/2 – Jakob

Year 3/4 – Sienna      Year 5/6 – Molly

# Eco Christmas

## by Christopher

Christopher came and saw me this week to share some top tips for Eco friendly Christmas wrapping so I thought I would share a few with you. Watch this space for an Eco-Christmas display coming soon to the front of school...

### AMAZON STARS

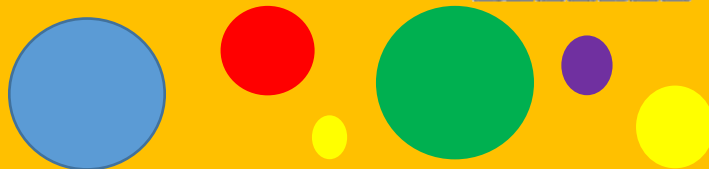
A HUGE thank you for the very kind donations that continue to arrive in school from our Amazon wishlist. We have received more books, which will be appearing in classrooms next week and some amazing magnetic Polydron, a Playmobil school, some underwater Lego, trowels and gardening equipment and colouring pencils.

These donations make a big difference to our provision in school so thank you to everyone who has donated. We have recently added some great problem solving games to our wishlist, which will help with Maths lessons linked to reasoning and problem solving and which the children can use during wet weather play. Check out the list if you would like to make a donation.



# Children in Need

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November it is Children in Need 2021. All children and staff are invited to wear yellow or dotty/spotty clothes to school for the day. There will be a collection bucket in each class and at the front of school if you would like to make a donation.



### Birthday Book

A BIG thank you for your kind donation of a birthday book for school.



## Individual School Photos

On 17.11.2021 we are pleased to announce that Tulip photography will be visiting the school to take individual photographs. They will also be taking sibling photographs. If you would like your child to be photographed with a pre-school sibling please be in school at 2.45pm for your photograph.

## Benches Wanted

You may have noticed some exciting work taking place by the Year 5/6 classroom. The artificial grass will be put down soon and the fencing and gates have gone up. WE NEED YOUR HELP...

We are now looking for benches to go in this space and on the field for lunchtime use. We are looking for two and three seater benches as well as picnic benches. Adult and Child sized! Let Miss T know if you think you can help.





Have a whole day free from  
complaining and see how much  
better you feel afterwards



## Sponsored Read

Please return your donations as soon as possible. We are looking to purchase some picnic benches, outdoor resources and books with the money raised. It will make a HUGE difference to the opportunities for the children.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has already returned these.

### 'WORDS OF THE WEEK'

You may like to talk to your child about these words and see if they can explain their meanings, suggest alternatives and put them in a sentence.

#### 'Words of the Week'

\* **Bombard** \* **Choppy** \*

\* **Blustery** \* **Deluge** \*

\* **Flurry** \*

## Special Guest - Jamie Knight Freestyle Footballer

Freestyle footballer Jamie Knight will be joining KS2 for a football session next week on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Jamie is a top 10 in the world freestyle footballer who has worked and performed in over 30 countries at some of the world's most prominent and watched events. He has worked with several top footballers, starred on Ireland's Got Talent and performed at some of the biggest football stadiums in the world. Most recently, he performed on the pitch at the 2017 Champions League final in front of 80,000 and he was also the official Global Mascot for UEFA Euro 2020! Jamie will also be holding an afterschool Freestyle Football Session from 3.15-4.15pm. Payment should be made on ParentPay. First come first served. See the details below.

### SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY

#### *"Everyone is responsible for safeguarding"*

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tamsin Hayward or the Safeguarding Governor, Hazel Mallett. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts:

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

## **Church News**

### **Nailsea Food Bank Christmas Appeal**

Nailsea Foodbank will once again be collecting Christmas hampers which will be distributed locally. Please donate family foods associated with Christmas (mince pies, selection boxes) or ladies and gents toiletries (e.g soap sets, shampoo) for drop off in the church porches by December 10<sup>th</sup>, many thanks.

### **All Saints Christmas Fair 2021**

All Saints Church will be holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am -2.30pm. Free entry...with children's activities, handmade crafts/gifts, raffle and refreshments in The Cross Tree Centre. Please could we request the following items as donations to this year's event on items for stalls required:

Homemade cakes, jams and preserves, handmade craft items, raffle and tombola prizes, paperback books and jigsaw puzzles. Contact the Parish Office for more information if required.

### **Sunny Saplings**

We're back with our fresh coffee and fruit/cake treats on Wednesday mornings in The Cross Tree Centre from 9.00am-11.00am. Families welcome. For more information contact The Parish Office on 01275 852442.

## **Pupil Premium (Free School Meals Benefit)**

### **Free School Meals**

There are two schemes for free school meals:

**Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2** – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school

**Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits** – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

### **Qualifying benefits for free school meals**

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/met earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

### **How to apply**

Free school meals entitlement is for the child, not the family, so you will need to apply for each child when they start school.

If your child is starting school in September, you should apply during the summer holidays as we cannot deal with your application earlier. Applying too early could result in your application being removed.



If you are moving into North Somerset from another area you will need to apply. You will need your National insurance number to apply.

### **When to reapply**

Due to the roll out of Universal Credit, all pupils that are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the school stage they are in on 31 March 2022. This means if your child is receiving free school meals at primary school in March 2022, you won't need to reapply for them until they start secondary school. Children do not receive free school meals in college. If your child changes school or address before 31 March 2022, email [fsm@nsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@nsomerset.gov.uk) so we can update your free school meals record.



The poster is for a 'Freestyle Football Masterclass' featuring Jamie Knight. At the top, a large photo shows Jamie Knight in a blue and grey patterned t-shirt and black leggings, performing a freestyle move with his legs in the air. Below this is a green banner with the text 'FREESTYLE FOOTBALL MASTERCLASS'. Underneath is the 'UK FREESTYLE FOOTBALL' logo and the slogan 'TAKE YOUR SKILLS FURTHER!'. Three smaller photos show various freestyle football tricks. Below these is a green banner with 'JAMIE KNIGHT - TOP 10 IN WORLD FREESTYLER'. The poster is divided into two columns: 'ABOUT THE MASTERCLASS' and 'WHAT TO EXPECT'. The 'ABOUT' section describes the 1-hour workshop. The 'WHAT TO EXPECT' section lists four benefits. At the bottom, a green bar contains 'ABOUT JAMIE' with the website, 'COST' at £10, and 'ASK JAMIE' with a phone number.

**FREESTYLE FOOTBALL MASTERCLASS**

**UK FREESTYLE FOOTBALL**

**TAKE YOUR SKILLS FURTHER!**

**JAMIE KNIGHT - TOP 10 IN WORLD FREESTYLER**

**ABOUT THE MASTERCLASS**

The Freestyle Masterclass is a 1 hour after school detailed workshop designed to take the skills learnt in the original workshop further. Jamie will teach an additional 5-10 Freestyle moves whilst offering key advice for learning Freestyle Football quicker and more efficiently.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- ✓ Personalised Coaching From Top UK Freestyler
- ✓ Learn An Extra 5 - 10 Freestyle Tricks & Transitions
- ✓ In-depth 1 to 1 Freestyle Coaching & Advice
- ✓ Photo / Autograph / Question Opportunities

**ABOUT JAMIE**

[www.KnightFreestyle.com](http://www.KnightFreestyle.com)

**COST**

£10 for 1 hour

**ASK JAMIE**

07746032819

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November



# What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**15+**  
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed for young audiences by the viral TV show, *Squid Game*. The nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ and is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread across online platforms, and there is a great risk of young people being exposed to unsuitable scenes, meaning parents and carers have to be vigilant when allowing children to use devices.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that *Squid Game* contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

## APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "*Squid Game*" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

## SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what is the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like *Squid Game*.

## VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, *Squid Game* has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the *Squid Game* trend, creating content such as "How to Draw *Squid Game* Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

## SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

*Squid Game*'s pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them. episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

### CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

*Squid game* has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

### HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

### MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen *Squid Game*, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing *Squid Game*" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

### WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch *Squid Game*, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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## EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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## TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



## HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

## ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

## IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

### MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

### LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

### USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

### MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

## Meet Our Expert

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