

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely week again here at school and we have been beginning to think about our Harvest lunch on Friday next week. Come along and have lunch with us at 12pm if you are free! (Please let us know if you are coming as per Mrs Kellett's mid-week letter.) Class 2 will be making soup, Class 1 will make bread and our Early Years children will make fruit salad for everyone to enjoy. We are super excited!



## Homework

Homework for Class One and Two is set on a Monday and is available on School360. Mrs. Kellett popped a guide on ClassDojo a few days ago, but please let us know if you are struggling to access this as we can show you (there is also always the option of a paper version.) 😊

## School Council

Our School Councillors met earlier in the week and had some really good ideas related to improving our school. I will be exploring these with staff over the next week or so.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs will be continuing as usual next week (3.30pm-4.30pm)

**Monday – Drama**

**Tuesday – Board games**

**Wednesday – Dance with Pip**

**Thursday – Multiskills**

The children are really enjoying our new curriculum (as sent out on ClassDojo) It is full of lots of exciting things for the children to learn and do! For example, this week Class 2 have been investigating different types of rocks in science and have been making dinosaurs from wire in art.

## Parents Meetings

Our Parents' Meetings this term will be on W/B 4<sup>th</sup> November. (More information to follow.)

## Harvest Assembly @ church

**Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at St Helen's Church (2.30pm)**

**Come along and help us celebrate!**

## Praise Assembly

**Thank you to all of you who have been able to make it to Praise Assembly! It has been so lovely to share the children's achievements together. (I do appreciate that it is not always possible though due to other commitments.)**

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 11th October – Harvest Lunch – more details to follow

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Flu vaccinations in school

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October (2.30pm) – Harvest Assembly @ St Helen's Church

School Closes – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October (Inset day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October)

More upcoming dates are on the school website calendar.

Check out our Parental tips on E-Safety (found on the safeguarding tab at the top of our website).

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many 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.

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# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

**bbfc** **PEGI**

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

<b>U</b> Universal, suitable for all ages	<b>PG</b> Parental Guidance required	<b>12</b> Suitable for people aged 12 and over	<b>12A</b> Suitable for people aged 12 and over, accompanied by an adult
<b>15</b> Suitable for people aged 15 and over	<b>18</b> Suitable for people aged 18 and over	<b>R18</b> Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers	

### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

<b>3</b> <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	<b>7</b> <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	<b>12</b> <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	<b>16</b> <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	<b>18</b> <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>
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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

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### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

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Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Hayward

