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## School News – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Space Centre

Woodpeckers had a lovely day on Monday at the Space Centre – they managed to squeeze all the different activities into a very busy day.

### Staffing News

After half term I am delighted to welcome Mrs Oakley to the school. She will be teaching Badgers Class on Mondays and Tuesdays when Mrs Keegan starts her maternity leave.



### Squirrels Church visit

Squirrels Class have been learning about Special Places this term. They have shared their own special places and yesterday they were very excited to walk down to Uppingham Church to visit this special place.



### Sports Kit

There have been a number of occasions recently where children have had inappropriate clothing for after school clubs. Children attending after school clubs MUST wear appropriate clothing and footwear. School shoes and school uniform will not be allowed and if children do not have the correct kit they will not be permitted to participate in the session for their own safety.



## Number Day

There were so many wonderful costumes on Number Day and School Council met at lunchtime to vote for their favourite.

Well done to everyone who dressed up and congratulations to our winners and runners up!



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY HALF TERM BREAK!  
SEE YOU ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

### CRAFT ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**10AM TILL 12PM**

**IN ST PETER & ST PAULS CHURCH Uppingham  
(Market Place)**

Keeping the theme of Valentines and **love** there will be Lots of craft activities, biscuit decorating, and treasure hunt, Teas, Coffees, squash and biscuits

*Plus*

Help us act out the story of the lost sheep, costumes provided!



There is no charge for this, but donations would be gratefully received and put towards future activity days

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# Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day 2020 | Tuesday 11 February  
Together for a better internet  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



On Safer Internet Day we spoke to the children about the importance of their online identity and I was looking forward to sharing this information with you at our Parent Information Evening, unfortunately I was very disappointed when no one attended this meeting. Online safety is an increasing worry for parents as it can impact so much on children's wellbeing and aspects of their life. Also, technology is constantly changing so it's hard to keep up with what is new!

**TIKTOK** is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user-created videos such as in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's made easy, however, to share user-created and uploaded videos and images of themselves lip-synching and dancing to popular music or soundclips, often for comedy effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, effects and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it was the most popular app to download in the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has a following between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

**AGE RESTRICTION 12+** Parents must ensure children are aged 12+ before downloading

**What parents need to know about TIKTOK**

- MATURE CONTENT:** Unlike other social media apps, TikTok has a 'For You' page that is tailored to each user based on their interests. This means that users can be exposed to mature content, including explicit lyrics, sexual content, and violence.
- INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC:** TikTok has a large library of music, including popular songs and remixes. Some of this music is inappropriate for children, including explicit lyrics and sexual content.
- TIKTOK FAME:** TikTok has a large number of users, and many users become famous overnight. This can lead to cyberbullying, harassment, and other negative experiences.
- ONLINE PREDATORS:** TikTok has a large number of users, and many users are young children. This makes it a popular platform for online predators.
- ADDICTIVE NATURE:** TikTok is designed to be addictive, with a 'For You' page that is tailored to each user based on their interests. This can lead to excessive screen time and other negative experiences.
- IN-APP PURCHASES:** TikTok has a large number of in-app purchases, including virtual gifts and other items. This can lead to financial loss and other negative experiences.

**National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday**

**Safety Tips for Parents**

- TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS:** Talk to your child about the risks of online activity, including cyberbullying, harassment, and online predators.
- USE PRIVACY SETTINGS:** Help your child set up their account with strong privacy settings to protect their information.
- ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE:** Enable Restricted Mode on TikTok to filter out inappropriate content.
- EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF:** Explore TikTok yourself to understand the app and its features.
- LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** Teach your child how to report and block inappropriate content.
- MODERATE SCREEN TIME:** Set limits on your child's screen time to prevent excessive use.

**Meet our expert**  
Peter Burt is a father with over 10 years of experience in the field of online safety. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and has written several books on the subject. He is also a member of the National Online Safety team.

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It has been brought to my attention that many children are playing games that are targeted at much older children. In Collective Worship lots of children seemed familiar with TikTok which is rated 12+. I have attached an information sheet highlighting "What parents need to know about TikTok." We will be putting more of these on our school Facebook page so that you can explore this information yourself.

**Age Restrictions on Social Media**

- 13:** Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, Kik, Ask.fm, Houseparty, Periscope, Tumblr, Pinterest, Reddit
- 13+:** Whatsapp, YouTube, WeChat, Whisper, Yubo
- 16:** LinkedIn
- 18:** Tinder, Bumble, Hinge

(13+ means with parental consent)

Please can I encourage you to talk to your children about what they are doing online as communication is key to keeping children safe.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March



## Favourite Character Dress Up



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children can come dressed as their favourite book character and enjoy a whole host of fun book-related activities.

## Mr. Potato Head Competition



Last year our story jars were a huge success and we received some fantastic entries to our competition. This year we would like you to create a character from your favourite book... out of a potato! How creative can you be?



## Big Book Launch & Open Afternoon

We would like to invite everyone to our World Book Day Open Afternoon. At 2:45pm we will be holding a short presentation introducing our incredible, brand new book scheme for KS1. From 3pm onwards, come along and join the children in our reading café – Starbooks! Why not share a book over a biscuit and a nice hot chocolate? Everyone is welcome!

