

Hartshorne C of E



Primary School

# February 2024 Updates

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**Friday 2 February 2024**

## **Online Safety**

### **New Facebook Checklist**

*As tech companies introduce new features, including safety features (see more below) it can be difficult to keep up. With the most features of any social platform, Facebook has always been the most frustrating to go through all the settings to make sure they are appropriate to the individual. Thankfully, the days of all the features reverting to their default settings after every update are behind us, but still there is a lot to go through.*

*SWGfL have updated their Facebook checklist for 2024. Only a small percentage of students will be using Facebook, but a lot of parents will be using it so the checklist is a handy one to mention to your students and also send out to your parents.*

*You can access the checklist [HERE](#).*

### **Survey - Children's Digital Wellbeing**

*On 25th Jan Internet Matters released their annual, Children's Digital Wellbeing survey. The report is always insightful and useful.*

*Some key points from the survey are:*

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- Children: Children feel less affected by online harms than they did in last year in relation to content that is upsetting or scary, 24% vs 35% in 2022, but this is still a quarter. 60% of children say that being online makes them feel like they're part of a group, and 75% view technology and the internet as important to their independence.*
- Parents: More parents are moderating their children's online activity with 21% of parents managing their children's usage a lot. More parents are talking to their children about what they*

*are doing online and more children are talking to their parents after encountering various potential harms.*

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*You can see the full report [HERE](#).*

### ***Instagram New Messaging Settings***

*Meta is introducing more safety features on the Instagram platform over the coming months. Many cynics, myself included, believe this is because Mark Zuckerberg along with a number of tech companies are being pulled into a [US senate hearing](#) about their failures to protect children online. There is increased, worldwide criticism over these companies about what they say they are doing and the reality, there are also many lawsuits being taken out against companies for their failures, including one where Meta documents have been released showing that [100,000 children are sexually harassed daily](#) on its platforms.*

*These new Instagram features (some of which will be transitioned into Facebook Messenger as well) include:*

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- Limiting teens' ability to see sensitive content.*
  - Nudges to encourage teens to close Instagram at night.*
  - Stricter private messaging (adults should not be able to privately message children who don't follow those adults).*
  - Children can only be messaged by people they already follow or are connected to (no further information on that latter part).*
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*You can read more about the features [HERE](#), but there's a little more. Meta, in the coming months, is also rolling out a feature where children will not receive, and will discourage from sending explicit images. However, not only is this feature optional, it is being reported that if illegal content is shared it won't be automatically flagged and reported. I'm finding this one difficult to believe but we'll have to wait for more information.*

### ***KS2/3 Game - Digital Explorers***

*London Grid for Learning have created a fabulous new (free) board game for KS2/3 children in time for Safer Internet Day 2024 exploring online safety themes. On the same download page there is also a student-led film plan to get parents engaged with online safety. You can download both [HERE](#).*

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie

### ***Skipping Workshop***

*A brilliant day was had <https://hartshorne.secure-primariesite.net/cultural-capital/>*

### ***Parents' Afternoon & Design to Delight***

*If you have not yet signed up to Parents' Afternoon on Feb 28 please use this link <https://forms.office.com/e/meA7Ny0P1w>*

### ***Children's Mental Health Week***

*To support Children's Mental Health Week, 5-11th Feb 2024, we invite you and your children to Wear Your Scarf to School day. This year it will be on Friday 9th February 2024 and to support this we will be using wellbeing resources in school. Here is a quick link for your convenience: [Mental health toolkit from SCARF \(coram life education.org.uk\)](#)*

### ***Safeguarding - County Lines***

*Free County Lines webinar due to be hosted on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7pm.*

*As I'm sure you are all aware, young people aged 14-17 are most likely to be targeted by criminal groups but there have also been reports of seven-year-olds being groomed into County Lines.*

*Primary school children can be viewed as easy targets because they are less likely to get caught. The grooming might start with them being asked to 'keep watch' but can soon escalate to them being forced to stash weapons, money or become drug couriers.*

*You might have seen county lines and child exploitation mentioned in TV shows and films, but what does it actually mean? And, most importantly, how you can you safeguard your children against it? We're sharing this webinar from the Ivison Trust, which is a free event to tell you all you need to know about*

county lines. To book your place visit: [County Lines Awareness in Derbyshire - Free Parent Webinar Tickets, Wed 6 Mar 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Christian Vision and Values**

*Our Christian value this half term is: Aspiration & Hope*

#### **Vision**

Our vision and values are born out of God's love and nurture of all creation. Together we work as a family to see one another grow and flourish: Knowing that we are precious and unique to God.

We aim to live out our values in our school and the world around us: as we play our part in God's wonderful creation story

#### **Motto**

*God's family, growing together, inspiring our world*

#### **Safeguarding**

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried or concerned for the welfare of a child please call 01629 533190.*

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

<https://hartshorne.secure-primariesite.net/term-dates-1/> Term dates for next academic year

<https://hartshorne.secure-primariesite.net/letters-to-parents/> Swimming dates for Pine Class

*6 Feb Safer Internet Day*

***9 Feb Wear a Scarf to School***

*13 Feb Willow Class visit to Tutbury Castle - information to follow*

*14 Feb Governor visits into school*

*15 Feb Whole School Skipping Workshop PE Kit needed*

*28 Feb Parents' afternoon*

*6 Mar Pine Class retreat day to Edale (Information to follow nearer the time)*

*7 Mar Pine and Willow Class Fire Safety talk*

*19 April Bikeability & Learn to Ride (Pine and Oak) Information to follow nearer the time*

*30 Apr Whole School Skipping Workshop PE Kit needed*

*13 May Y6 SATs week*

*3-14 Jun Y4 Multiplication Tables Check*

*10-14 Jun Y1 Phonics Screening Check*

*26-28 June Pine Lake Residential for Pine Class. Information to follow*

*1 Jul Governor visits in school*

*2 Jul Whole School Skipping Workshop PE Kit needed*

*3 Jul KS2 Sports Skills at Moorways Stadium, Derby (More information to follow)*

*10 July Family Picnic and Sports Day*

*17 July Family Picnic and Sports Day (Reserve)*

***Have a lovely weekend***

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