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# Church Crookham News

"Achievement By All"

What a fantastic start to our new school year. We have all been so impressed with how well everyone has settled into CCJS and how smart everyone has been. We have been particularly impressed with children new to our school in Year 3 who have settled so quickly! Our pupils have really valued talking about three school rules we have: be kind, be safe and, be respectful and also have enjoyed talking about our school values of kindness, respect, imagining, resilience and reflection. All parents should feel very proud of their children.

# **Keeping Children Safe**

At our school we encourage children to help learn and remember ways to keep themselves safe. We have been recapping information that children should know and remember, such as the PANTS rules.



There is more information on the NSPCC website at <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/</u> if you want to talk more to your child about this. It is also important for all children to understand that 'privates are privates' whether that is both in person and also when online. It is always helpful, if your child has access to a device to remind them of ways to keep themselves safe.

As parents and carers you are the 'gatekeepers' to helping to keep your child safe, so do check your child's devices regularly and ensure that they are using them appropriately and safely. Asking your child to informally tell you and show you what they use their device for, also helps with ensuring you have a good dialogue with your child. Of course, alongside checking devices, it's important that you also ensure there are appropriate safeguards that you have put in place too. Below is a handy guide with QR codes to help you with navigating and understanding what safeguards are needed on your child's device.

If you're viewing this on a screen, tap (or click) the appropriate icon below. If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child. We recommend you set the device not to allow *any* apps or games to be installed without your permission. Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.



### **Parental Support**

We are sending out regular information and looking at ways to help all parents become more involved in school. Thank you to so many of you who were able to visit after school this week and meet your child's teacher informally and see the classroom. If you co-parent and didn't manage to arrange to come along, or you think we don't have your contact details then please do get in touch with our school office staff, to ensure you get all the information you require adminoffice@crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk

On 19<sup>th</sup> September we are delighted to be holding our PTA AGM Meeting at 7pm in the Acorn Centre. All parents and carers are welcome and the school gates will be open for this.

### **Site Security**

Our school gates to Tudor Way, and the ones leading to the paths to school are locked at 8.50am each day and open just before 3.20pm. These are kept unlocked until 6pm so parents/carers can access the school to collect children from clubs.



# **Hampshire Youth Choir**

Here is a great musical opportunity which may interest your child. Hampshire Youth Choir are offering two open rehearsals where children can attend and see if they want to continue. Whilst one of the weeks is when Year 6 are away, they are welcome to attend the second rehearsal.



# Clubs

We are extremely proud of the range of clubs we have on offer to our children. The lists and letters have been sent out, so do have a look and talk to your child about what their interests are and encourage them to join a school club. Thank you to all our staff who are running clubs and to all the additional outside agencies who are also running clubs for children too.

## ... and Finally....

Do look out on Saturday night for Mr Riches, who is performing at the Last Night of the Proms! Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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