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Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday, we had our SWAN Trust Challenge Day. Elaine Cooper, CEO and Gill Kozlowski, Director of Education and Learning for the SWAN Trust, along with Ellen Rinttila, Headteacher of St John's Primary School visited us for the day, carrying out Learning Walks across the school with members of the school's Senior Leadership Team. The purpose of the Challenge Days is to support schools within the Trust with their continual push for improvement. The day was extremely positive, with our visitors incredibly impressed by the learning behaviours and respectfulness of all of the children, along with the high standards of teaching and learning within the school. I was a very proud headteacher!

The ELSA study: Early Surveillance for Auto-immune diabetes

Please look out for communication from us regarding the ELSA study. The ELSA study is screening children, aged 3-13 years to find out their risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test, and we have organised for the screening to be available at Barnsbury on Tuesday, 26th November. We have sent out further information within a separate email.

Please scan the QR code to find out more.



Please scan the QR code to register interest.



Barnsbury Netball Team

On Thursday, our school netball team attended a tournament at Greenfield School. They played superbly, winning three out of four matches, showing great skill and determination. All of the children represented our school wonderfully, showing respect on and off of the court. We have some very talented players, who showed great athleticism and understanding of the game. A huge well done goes to our team: Charlotte (our captain), Catalina, Jack, Rosie, Sophie and Thomas.



Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Harvest Festival donations. These will be going to the Food Bank on Thursday morning, so you have a few days to bring something in if you haven't managed to do so yet.

Barnsbury PTA—Cake Sale

5M are holding a cake sale on Friday 25th October. Please see the poster in the body of this newsletter for more information.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Our PTA Christmas Raffle is back! Letters and Tickets will be coming home on Thursday 24th October.

The draw will take place at 4.30pm on Saturday 30th November at the Christmas Fair.

Please return all money and filled in stubs (as well as any unused tickets) to the school office with the return slip on the letter, by Thursday 28th November.

News from Barnsbury PTA

Asda are running a 'Cashback to Schools' and we would like to spread the word at Barnsbury. Please see the poster in the body of the newsletter for further information.

Please follow these steps to make sure your rewards come to our PTA.

Step 1 - download the Asda Rewards App.

Step 2 - select Barnsbury Primary School for your rewards. Our postcode is GU22 0BB.

Step 3 - do your shopping 🛒

With kind regards



Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher

Dates for your diary 2024-25

Autumn Term

October

Friday 25th 9.00am 5M Class Assembly

Friday 25th Non Uniform Day

Friday 25th PTA—Cake Sale

Monday 28th to 1st Half Term

November

Friday 1st Half Term

Monday 4th INSET Day

Tuesday 5th INSET Day

Wednesday 6th Children return after half term

Wednesday 6th School Photos—Individual and Sibling

Friday 8th 6.30-8.30pm—PTA—Barnsbury Boutique Night

Tuesday 12th 3.30—5.30pm—Parents Evening (face to face)

Tuesday 12th PTA—Bags to School

Wednesday 13th PTA—Bags to School

Wednesday 13th Governors Meeting

Thursday 14th 3.30—7.00pm Parents Evening (face to face)

Thursday 14th PTA—Bags to School

Friday 15th Year 6 Trip

Monday 18th 9.00am Prospective Parent Tour

Wednesday 20th 2.00pm Prospective Parent Tour

Friday 22nd 9am—Rocksteady Concert—Friday Bands

Friday 29th 9.00am 6L Class Assembly

Friday 29th 10am—PTA—Hedgerow Planting

Saturday 30th 2-5pm—PTA Christmas Fair

Dates for your diary 2024-25

Autumn Term

December

Monday 2nd	KS1 Christmas Pantomime
Thursday 5th	9am Rocksteady Concert—Thursday bands
Friday 6th	9.00am 3M Class Assembly
Tuesday 10th	9am Rocksteady—Tuesday bands
Wednesday 11th	Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
Thursday 12th	KS2 Pantomime
Friday 13th	KS2 Pantomime
Monday 16th	9.15am—KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
Monday 16th	2pm—KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 17th	9.15am -KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 17th	2pm—KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Carol Concert Years 3 & 4
Friday 20th	1.15pm End of Term



**Star of the
Week**

**Effort
Award**

**Values
Award**

Oak

Lyra

Reggie

Olivia

Ash

Robin

Gianna

Thalia

1B

Alia

Alexander

Yuri

1M

Florence

Bernie

Paul

2M

Aliza

Aboudy

Amelia

2T

Emily

Hania

Layla

3B

Molly

Harley

Theo C

3M

Mudra

Emily R

Daniel

4D

Thomas

Logan

Mila

4J

Daisy

Miriam

Mukund

5M

Izzy

Owen

Ella

5T

Adele

Jake

Abi

6G

Harriet

Noah

Rita

6L

Tianna

Jack

Scarlett

Congratulations to the Eco this week:



**Congratulations to the recipients of a
WOW certificate this week: Ted C (5T)**





The winning classes for the most recent Times Table Rockstars Battle are:

3M, 4D, 5M and 6L!

Congratulations to our Most Valuable Players- these children added the most points to their class score.



3B: Avyukth, Christian, Bea

3M: Chloe S, Chloe G, Poema

4D: Jonathan, Holly, Logan

4J: William, Leo, Abubakr

5M: Jack, Rachael, Arvin

5T: Abi, Adele, Oscar

6G: Noah, Amelia, Balazs

6L: Caidence, Amaan, Lucy



Keep practising your times tables! A new battle will be announced very soon!

For more information on how to support your child on TTRockstars, please visit <https://trockstars.com/parents/> and click on the Parent Guide.

Spooky Phonics Fun

This one was fun 😊 I grabbed an old trick or treat bucket and some ping pong balls and drew some eyeballs on them.

I then added some tricky words on the other side. I sat with the children to support them with the words they were unsure with.

Miss Paice



Girls Football Club—Fridays 3.15-4.15pm

Girls' football club had a bit of a change this school year with both key stages merging together. We've had an impressive 37 girls turn up the last 2 weeks to practise football skills and putting them into action playing games. The KS1 girls seemed to really enjoy being teamed up with the KS2 girls this week and enabled them to learn from them.

We look forward to our first competition coming up later on this month with Year 5/6.

Miss Paice



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



The National College®

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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children by helping us raise
vital funds...**

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TIME...however much you can spare
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For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow!



CAKE



BARNSBURY PTA

£0.50 per slice

SALE



Friday 25th Oct

KS1&2 playground 3pm

All cake donations gratefully received - no nuts please! You can drop donations at the office on the day of the sale.

NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

**£1 DONATION TO HELP RAISE FUNDS
FOR OUR SCHOOL**

£1 OPTIONAL DONATION



BARNSBURY BOUTIQUE NIGHT

**FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
6.30-9.30PM**

**GET YOUR CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING IN EARLY!**





BAG 2 SCHOOL



**Our next Bag2School
collections are on:**

**Tuesday 12th November
Wednesday 13th November
Thursday 14th November**

Drop off at KS1 gate and office car park

Volunteer Mornings

Hedgerow Planting

Surrey CC are working with Barnsbury this year to plant hedgerows on the school field.

The hedgerows will be planted to mark out the end of the sports area and the 'wild' area on our sports field.

It's a fantastic learning opportunity for the children watching them grow and creating a habitat for birds, small mammals and insects, increasing bio diversity.

We are looking for around 9 volunteers to help.

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 10am. We aim to plant the hedegrow in 3 hours.

Please let the school office or your PTA Rep know if you can help.



BARNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Fair

**Join us for Christmas Fun,
Music & Games!**

November 30th • 2 pm to 5 pm

**Tombolas, Raffle, Hot chocolate, Crafts,
Secret Shop, Stalls, Entertainment**



Eastwood Leisure Centre Swim School

Crash Courses



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NOW**

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The intense nature of the course with daily lessons ensures children find it easier to gain new skills, so their confidence grows day by day.

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- Help to progress through the stages of the learn to swim programme
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- Develop essential water skills

5 x daily 30 minute classes

28 October to 1 November

**Stage 1-4
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anyone aged 4 years and
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