

SOUTH WITHAM ACADEMY NEWS

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2023! What a year it has been. Your children have worked incredibly hard and we are proud of all their achievements.

The new year is always a good time to reflect on everything that has happened. I feel that we have achieved so much as a school and I want to say thank you for all your continued support with everything that we do.

This week, we have enjoyed more Christmassy activities including breakfast with Santa, our annual 'Carols around the Tree' and our Christmas Booknic. These are lovely events and it is always lovely to see you parents joining us. We also had a very exciting visit from a local Capoeira group! The children loved this.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Atter



UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Thurs 21st Dec -
Last day of term 2.

Wed 3rd Jan 2024 -
First day of term 3.

24th Jan 2024 -
Young Voices YR 6

Keep an eye on the local press!

We have been contacted by the local press regarding our improved Ofsted grading. Keep an eye out for local reports. It is lovely to share our good news.

<https://www.lincsonline.co.uk/grantham/news/school-receives-improved-ofsted-grade-9344368/>



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

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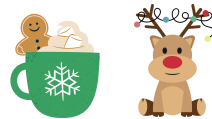
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Little Hedgehogs



This week we have been very busy in Little Hedgehogs for the last week of term. We have made Christmas tree cones which we have decorated with sequins and painted with baubles by rolling them around in the paint. On Wednesday we had a Christmas story in Santa's grotto with Sandra and loved playing in the snow!

We have ended the term with hot chocolate and a biscuit at snack time and played with the parachute in the hall.

Please check tapestry for your Little Hedgehogs Christmas observation where you can see everything we have been up to in the last few weeks.

Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd January.



Woodlands



Happy Christmas Holidays! We have been busy in woodland class this week with lots of festive fun, we started off the week with a walk to the Church where we learned about the features of the church like the stained glass windows.

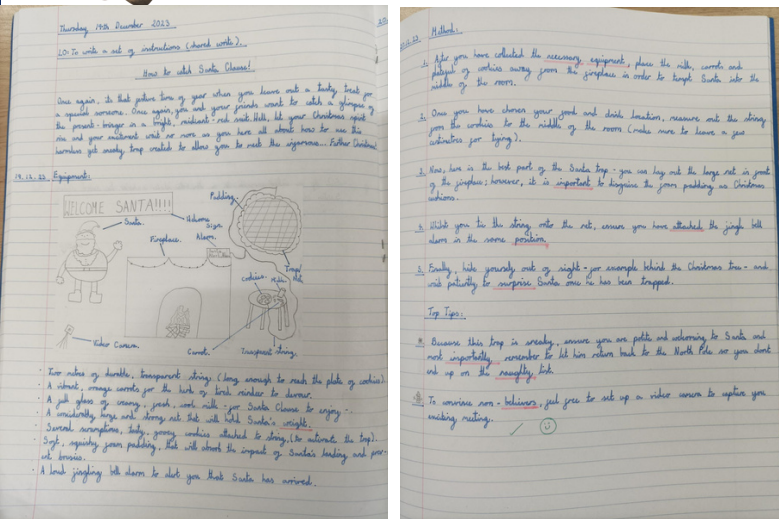
We also had our Carols around the tree on Monday afternoon where we could show you parents our lovely singing voices. Thank you to all the parents that came we were very happy to show you the songs we have been working on we hope it got you in the festive spirit!

On Tuesday afternoon we had an exciting visit from a Capoeira group who came to perform some south American dance and sports games, it was so interesting and we had so much fun.

We had our very exciting Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon, we had lots of yummy food and played lots of festive games like pass the parcel and musical statues. The children had so much fun, we are all so excited for Christmas. We have had a very busy term and we are so very proud of the children for working so hard, Merry Christmas to you all and Happy new year!



Badgers



Otters



What a busy last week we have had in Otter class. From finishing Christmas cards and calendars to using our knowledge of non-chronological reports to create one of our own about Christmas traditions. Otters have worked hard, despite the festive season and are deserving of a lovely Christmas break.

Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year, from everyone in Otter class!



In the build up to the big day, we thought you would like to read our Santa Trap instructions that we have written together as a class.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the festive period with your family and friends.

Goodwill wishes from the Badger Team

PRIDE OF SOUTH WITHAM

To all of our wonderful children for a fabulous last few weeks.



Always Club



Readers of the Week!



Attendance Superstars!



This week we celebrated with the children that have had 100% attendance since the beginning of September!
Well done to these children!

The Wrap Club

We started this week off by having breakfast with Santa!
The children that came were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their breakfast!



You're Invited!
All Age Carol Service
Sunday 24 December
4.30-6.00pm
Market Overton Village Hall
Carols, story, quiz, & craft followed by tea
Market Overton Free Church
www.mofc.org.uk

Thank you

to Hattie's Tea Room for raising a fabulous £80 for our school PTA!

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

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