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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

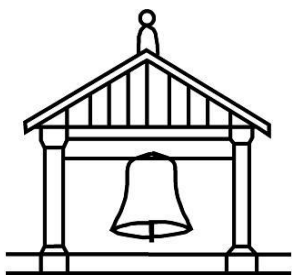
Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!  
This was St David's Day 2018,  
whereas this week, Porpoises and I  
were out in the playground doing  
drama in our shirtsleeves on  
Wednesday afternoon.  
What a difference a year makes!



### Super Science

Porpoises and Sharks went off to Winchester Science Centre [www.winchestersciencecentre.org](http://www.winchestersciencecentre.org) on Thursday. From what I've heard it was worth the early start.





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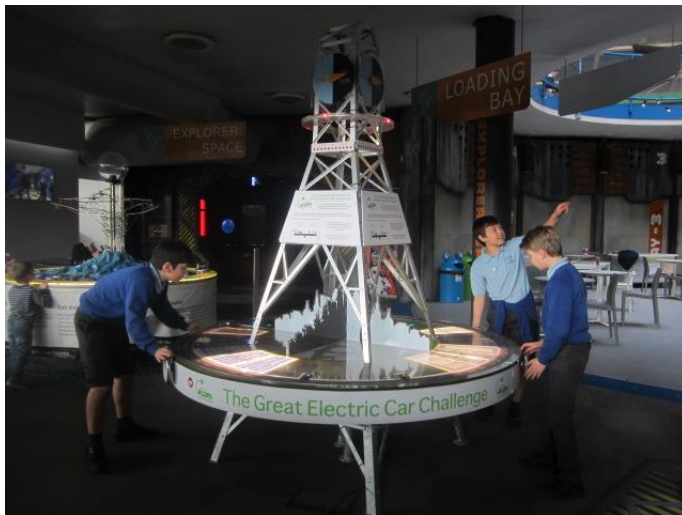
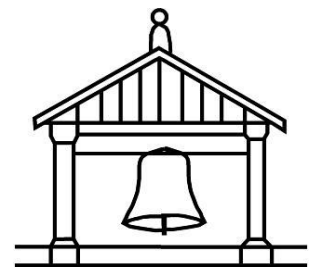
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## First World Problems

Wasn't the world a lot simpler before the internet? Please take some time to read about the following game which is already causing concern with some of our children.

It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.

Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly), YouTube Kids. The scary doll like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

### What parents need to know about MOMO

- CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'**  
There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs' unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence, swearing and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until halfway through the video.
- DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN**  
Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be 'inappropriate or offensive to some audiences' and that 'viewer discretion is advised' but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and want to proceed'. The image of the Momo character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.
- SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE**  
Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithms, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age inappropriate for children under 18.

### Top Tips for Parents

- TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL**  
Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be scary for children. It's important to explain that this is a hoax and that the Momo character is not real. It's important to tell your child that if they see anything like this online, they should tell you or a trusted adult. It's important to reassure your child that the content online as it may only cause more distress.
- BE PRESENT**  
It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present when your children are online. This gives you a greater understanding of what they are doing online, as well as providing them with the opportunity to discuss and support any concerns. It's important to have open conversations with your child about online safety and to encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.
- TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD**  
As well as ensuring your child's online safety, it's important for you to discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online activities, but these honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.
- PEER PRESSURE**  
Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in, so make sure to have a conversation with your child about peer pressure. Encourage them to think about how they should respond to peer pressure and to talk to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure.
- REAL OR HOAX?**  
As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the reliability of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.
- REPORT & BLOCK**  
You can't always stop someone from posting or sharing content online. However, you can report and block the content. This helps to ensure that the content is removed and that the person who posted it cannot reach your child again.
- FURTHER SUPPORT**  
If you're worried about your child's online safety, you can get help from the National Online Safety team. They can provide advice and support on how to keep your child safe online.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter: @nationalonlinesafety Facebook: /NationalOnlineSafety Phone: 0800 368 8061

## MoMo

This 'game', played via Whatsapp, involves contacting 'MoMo', who issues a series of challenges - the final challenge, reportedly, being suicide. It's been getting a lot of press over the last few days, and is understandably causing parents a lot of concern.

It is worth noting that a lot of the hype around 'Momo' is being generated by popular YouTubers posting videos of themselves taking part, capitalizing on the apparent popularity of the trend. Although a lot of the information about the 'Momo Challenge' is rather concerning, the number of reported cases of children harming themselves because of the game is extremely low. The challenge has alleged ties to three cases of teens killing themselves in Asia and South America, but there is nothing that proves that it was the direct cause.

This article from Parent Zone gives an overview of what it's all about. Separate fact from fiction, and learn how to help keep your kids safe here: <http://bit.ly/2GNaCjz>.

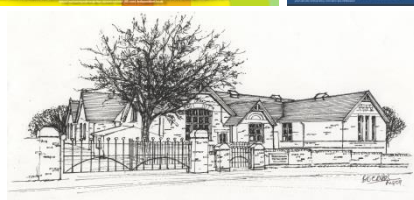
And while we're on the subject, more information is also available from

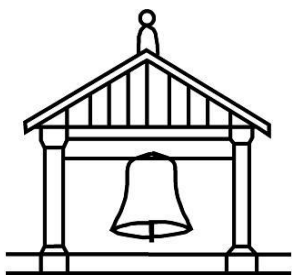
[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) who have made some more useful information posters:

Three posters from National Online Safety providing information for parents about Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube.

- Instagram:** What parents need to know about Instagram. Includes tips on keeping children safe, understanding the app, and managing their child's account.
- Snapchat:** What parents need to know about Snapchat. Includes tips on understanding the app, managing their child's account, and keeping them safe.
- YouTube:** What parents need to know about YouTube. Includes tips on understanding the app, managing their child's account, and keeping them safe.

Each poster includes 'Top Tips for Parents' and the National Online Safety logo.





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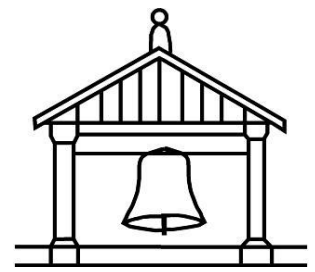
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## Roll up, roll up!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - It's cinema time! Come along to the school hall straight from school on the 15<sup>th</sup> March for a sing-a-long version of a recent popular musical film (probably the Greatest...! not allowed to publicise for licensing reasons!). This film is a PG. Tickets are £3.00 per child which includes a hotdog snack, popcorn and a drink. (Adults are welcome too, though if you don't bring your child we may ask you to buy a ticket!). Tickets will be on sale in the library before school and at pick up on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The PTA need to know numbers by end of play Wednesday to allow them time to buy the food and drink needed for Friday afternoon. Entry is by ticket only. We hope you can come along! *Please don't forget to collect your child at 5.30 pm.*

## Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	95.88%	97.73% 😊	95.66%
Dolphins	100% 😊 😊		
Seahorses	99.29% 😊 😊		
Sharks	94.67%		
Porpoises	98.28% 😊		

## Next week...

Parents Evenings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday- Hopefully you've all signed up. Please let us know if you need to organise a different time.

Shroving on Tuesday – our annual celebration of the beginning of Lent when we leave flowers on all the local doorsteps and sing our Shroving Song. Please send in a small posy of flowers with your child and please do come along if you're free.

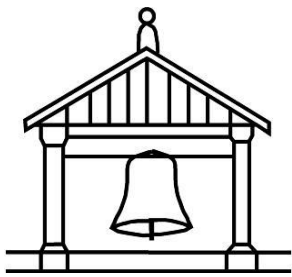
The Great Pancake Flip is on Tuesday afternoon – letters have gone out this week so ask if you haven't seen one. Will anyone beat Austin Green's flipping record this year?

Don't forget it's World Book Day on Thursday. Time to dress up as your favourite book character please! Sadly I'll be at a tag rugby tournament and I can't think of any rugby playing book characters....

And then it will be Friday again. Never a dull moment here.

Nicola Brooke





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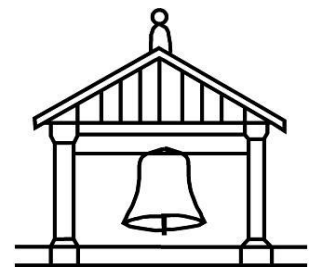
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## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 9am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 9am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 11am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Parents meetings

Shroving in the village

PTA sponsored pancake flip

World Book day

PTA Film night

Last week for clubs

**PTA meeting, The White Horse, Stourpaine**

BSN Sing Up concert at TBS

Spring Welly Walk

Open morning

Easter Communion Service at St Nicholas Church

END OF TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

**Mufti Day for the Country Fayre**

*The school dates for next year (2019/2020) can be found at the end of the newsletter*



## Dance & Gym Showcase '19

### Charity Event

Retiring Collection For  
Julia's House  
&  
Knighton House  
Creative Arts Equipment

**March 8th & 9th**  
Friday 8th @ 7.00 pm  
Saturday 9th @ 2.30 pm

**Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Gym**

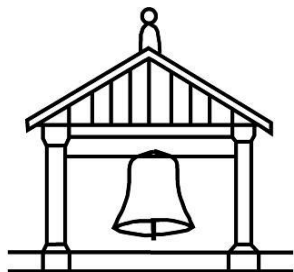
Performances by  
Knighton House Pupils  
Reception to Yr 8



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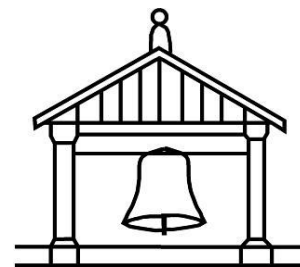
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## Dates for School Year 2019/20

### Autumn Term 2019

Training Days	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
Children return to school	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Training Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Autumn Half term break	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019
Children return to school	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
End of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 - <b>1pm</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020

### Spring Term 2020

Children return to school	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Spring Half term break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
Children return to school	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
End of term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – <b>1pm</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

Children return to school	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Summer Half term break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Children return to school	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
<b>END OF TERM</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 – <b>1pm</b>
Training Days	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July and Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

