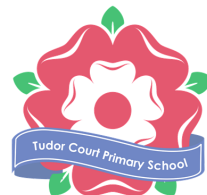


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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all our pupils and parents, both returning and new and a special welcome to our new Reception and Nursery families, who are now an integral part of our Tudor Court Primary School community.

The start of the new school year has been really positive and it is heartening to see how swiftly the children have settled into their new learning environments and embraced new learning. The children's enthusiasm and diligence have set a positive tone for what promises to be an enriching and exciting year.

I am pleased to announce that we have made some adjustments to our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, which are scheduled for Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of this month. In a departure from our previous format, parents will receive comprehensive written information next week, detailing what to anticipate in the forthcoming academic year and outlining expectations. Following this, parents are invited into the classroom to meet the teacher at an informal gathering after school, between 15:00 and 16:00, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher in person. We believe this revised approach will provide a more efficient and personalised experience for all involved. Further details regarding these meetings will be communicated to you next week.

Congratulations to Lewis S who has achieved the first Head Teacher's award of this academic year. He has been joined by a number of other children already receiving their first Head Teacher awards.

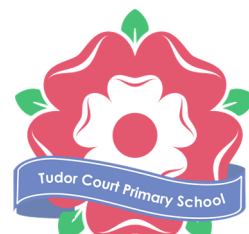
In the interest of maintaining a safe and orderly environment, please ensure that children refrain from accessing the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) area after school hours. Your cooperation in this matter is crucial to ensure the safety of all pupils and to preserve the learning spaces for their intended purposes.

As we progress through this academic year, I am filled with optimism about the varied opportunities for growth and achievement that lie ahead for all our children. The positive start we have witnessed is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our pupils, staff, and parents. Together, we will continue to create an environment where every child can thrive, have fun and enjoy learning new things.

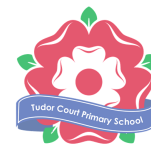
Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to working closely with you throughout this academic year.

Wishing you a great weekend

Phil Kyriacou



News & Information....



Nicky and Oliver G - Classes 9 and 21

Nicky and Oliver recently competed in an Under 10's Basketball competition with five other clubs in Essex and went on to win every game and the entire tournament.

Nicky was voted most valuable player with 10 baskets, which was the most by anyone in the competition. Oliver was 2nd with 8 baskets and the whole team scored 20 overall.



Mr Elliot E-Safety Tips

Top Tips for Using & Reviewing Parental Controls

With most children today having their own phones, computers and other devices, it is vitally important that parents know how to keep their children protected while using them.

Between targeted adverts, age-inappropriate content and other online safety concerns, it can sometimes feel overwhelming to keep on top of.

Parental controls are present on most devices and several apps. This can make this job significantly easier but a certain amount of knowledge is required to use them effectively.

Please see the guide on the last page of the newsletter.



Stud Earrings Only

We recently sent home some annual reminders to parents and included in this was a section about earrings and we stated that small hoops should be no bigger than a young child's small finger.

We have since reviewed this and after assessing the possible injury hoops may cause, we have made the decision to only allow stud earrings.

Please can we ask for your cooperation with this and ask that only studs are worn to school.



The School Day

We have been asked to clarify details of the start of the school day. Please see times listed below:

School gates open

08.30am

Classroom doors open

8.40am

Children registered and ready to learn

08.50am

If you arrive at the school gate after 08.50am, you will be asked to go to the office and sign your child in on our Inventory System. They will then also receive a late mark.

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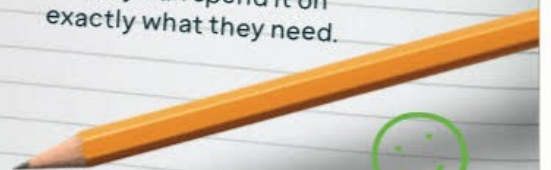
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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover Wi-Fi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpleasant aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

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