

OCTOBER 20, 2023

SENIOR VOICE

Trinity School, Teignmouth, TQ14 8LY

Headmaster's Message

BY MR ROBINSON

This week I was asked by a number of children if as a school we could have a bit of fun and dress up for Halloween whilst raising some money for local charities. I saw no harm in this and so we will be having a mufti day with the theme of witches and wizards. Neither of which, along with ghosts and ghouls, do I believe in, although I am told we have the ghost of a nun with blazing red eyes who haunts our covered bridge over the road, just in case you were wondering.

I have never really understood the strong antipathy to Halloween that a few people feel, that variously it is a celebration of evil, is anti-Christian, is not British. Halloween does have its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. The early Christian church was not threatened by this however and simply mixed the traditions involving Celtic spirits and Catholic saints, saints after all had their supernatural side. In the 800s, the Church designated November 1 as All Saints' Day and the first night of Samhain, October 31, became All Hallows Day Evening, the night before the saints were venerated.

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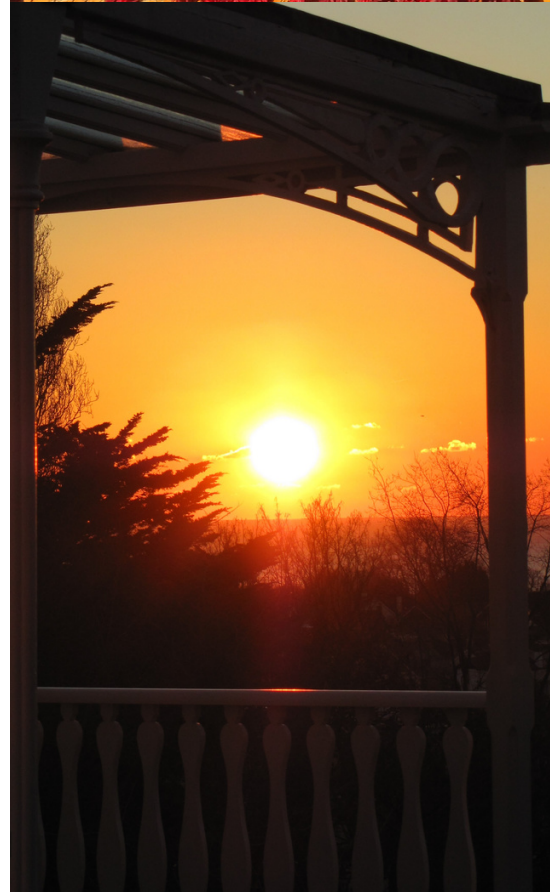
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That name eventually morphed into Halloween, and it became the time when Christians could turn the supernatural symbolism and rituals of Samhain into spooky fun. This remained strongest in the Celtic parts of Britain and was exported to the USA by immigrants from these shores where it morphed into the commercial parties and trick and treating we see today, neither anti-Christian or a celebration of evil but secular fun.

As for we English, for the most part, we stopped celebrating Halloween as Martin Luther's Protestant Reformation began to spread. As followers of the new religion did not believe in saints, they had no reason to celebrate the eve of All Saints' Day. Our dislike of Halloween was not because it represented the devil and all his works but because it represented Catholics, another type of Christianity. Having done away with Halloween however, we soon invented another celebration of light in the face of threat and darkness, bonfire night with its Catholic bogeyman, Guy Fawkes. So dress it up as we might, our antipathy to Halloween has its origins less in dislike of a celebration of evil but more a dislike of another branch of Christianity, Catholicism.

Christianity has survived challenges in many ways but one way has been to be adaptable, humane and tolerant. Another Christian celebration, mixed up with other non-Christian traditions, Christmas will be with us soon, and we can choose to see the Christmas tree as a Germanic symbol of paganism and our modern Father Christmas as the rampant symbol of commercialism he is. I will not however and will have both in my house and attend mass and various Christian services as well, as I have done throughout my life at that time of year and at many other times too.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

Every year, October is known as Black History Month. Black History Month is far more than just a month of remembrance, it should be a tribute to our history and a reminder of the work that lies ahead. The 2023 theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. This year's celebration will showcase pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more.

One remarkable person to celebrate is Mary Seacole, a mixed-race woman living in the 19th century. What Mary Seacole achieved in her lifetime was truly remarkable. She broke social rules and prejudices to travel the world, run businesses and help those in need – even in the most dangerous places.

“The greatest gift we can give to others is our presence and willingness to help.”

MARY SEACOLE



BOARDING LIFE

More adventures! Last weekend the boarders went river scrambling and gorge walking on Dartmoor followed by a film-making challenge and very competitive bubble football matches back at school. We like to tire them out!



"The attitude of
all the people
here is
wonderful-
everybody is
really open-
minded and
friendly"

BOARDER



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BAND CLUB

Meet some of our most talented musicians!



YEAR 8 TRIP TO HITS FOODBANK

On Tuesday 17th October, year 8 visited HITS foodbank in Kingsteignton. We were accompanied by Mr Darcy, Mrs Climent, Mr Whittles, Miss Weir, and Mrs Correy. When we arrived at HITS, we delivered our food donations and unpacked them in HITS' storage area. The staff were very grateful for all of the donations from Trinity and put us to work sorting and labelling the donations. We were asked to sort all of the food products by the year of their expiration date and used colour coded labels to make the products easy to find. We were also asked to sort all of the donated toiletries into their product groups. Finally, a small group of us were asked to sort products into individual food packages that were designed to provide food for one person for a period of three days. This was fairly tricky and involved paying close attention to expiration dates but we enjoyed the challenge. To say thank you for all of our hard work, HITS treated us to a doughnut each which had been donated to them by LIDL. Unfortunately, HITS were not able to include these doughnuts in food packages due to their short shelf life. We had a great morning at HITS and were happy that we were able to assist them in their important work.

We want to share a huge thank you for everyone's great generosity in donating goods for us to take.



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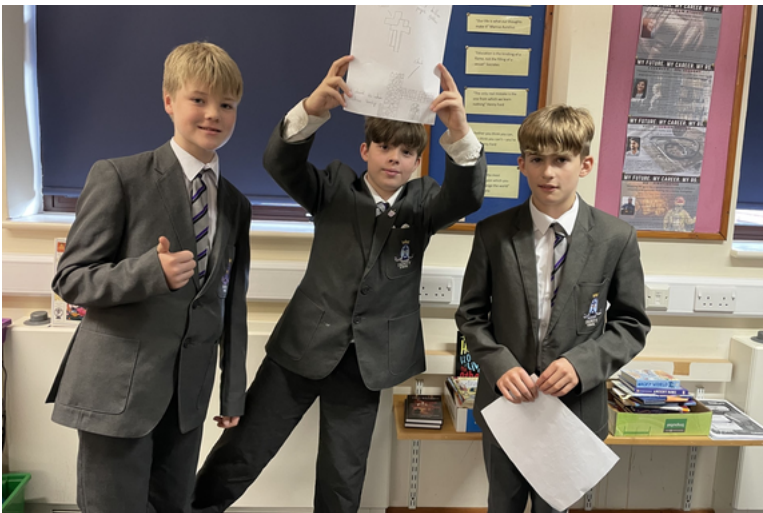
MR DARCY

RELIGION? YEAR 7 DRAMA PRESENTATIONS

Which is the largest world religion? Which religion do Muslims follow? How many Hindus are there in the world?

These are just some of the quiz questions that year 7 tested their class on following their group work research and presentations. Students showed passion and courage researching and giving a presentation to their peers. From interviews, posters and quizzes great knowledge was gained and it was a fantastic way to develop their courage and confidence too!

Well done Year 7, Mrs Bird RS Teacher



"Students
showed
passion and
courage"

MRS BIRD



RS- FOOTBALL AND FAITH DISPLAY

With lots of keen footballers in the school the RS classroom now has a display showing footballers discussing their faith. Students are able to make links to the religions they study and famous athletes.



WELL DONE JESS MILLER AND CAT!

Last week we wished Jess Miller well for her try-out for the Devon Junior Rowing Squad in Brixham last Saturday which, if successful, would mean she represents Devon County in upcoming competitions. WE are delighted to share that Jess was selected for the county team and so too was our very own Catering Manager, Cat! We are very proud of you both, best of luck in your upcoming races!



OKTOBERFEST

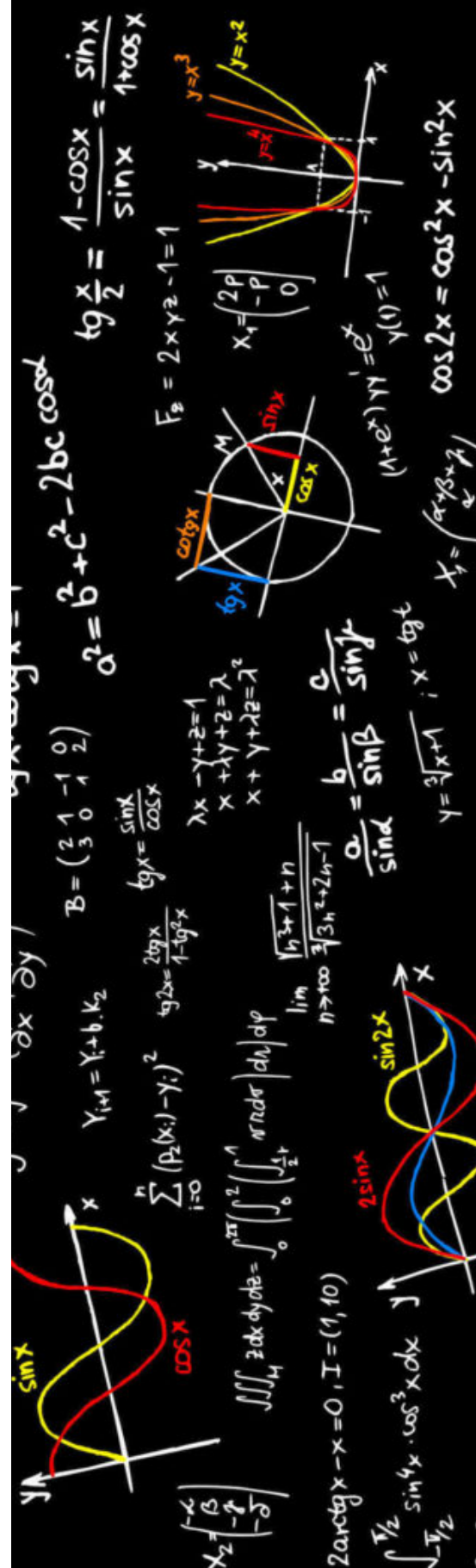
It was a delight to see everyone having such fun at our Oktoberfest celebrations last Friday night.



UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

Maths enthusiasts have once again demonstrated their prowess in the Senior Maths Challenge. This year, four Trinity School students, Vovo, Giacomo, Masha, and Letizia, put their mathematical skills to the test. The challenge is more than just a competition; it is an opportunity for students to stretch their mathematical thinking and test their problem-solving skills. It encourages them to approach mathematical problems from different angles and to think critically, which are invaluable skills for their academic and future career pursuits.

Congratulations to Vovo (participation award), Giacomo (bronze certificate), Masha (silver certificate), and Letizia (silver certificate) for their outstanding performances. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and a true passion for mathematics. As they continue their academic journey, we look forward to witnessing their future accomplishments and contributions to the world of mathematics.



PASSION COURAGE CONFIDENCE RESILIENCE REFLECTION
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WELLBEING



"I am so glad
I live in a
world where
there are
Octobers."

L. M. MONTGOMERY,
AUTHOR

World Mental Health Day



The 5 ways to wellbeing



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STAR CHEFS

Year 9 pupils have been looking at macronutrients and focused on protein this week. With a variety of different skills demonstrated Chicken & Leek Pie contains 48g of protein per serving. Well done to Faith, one of our Star Chefs this week!

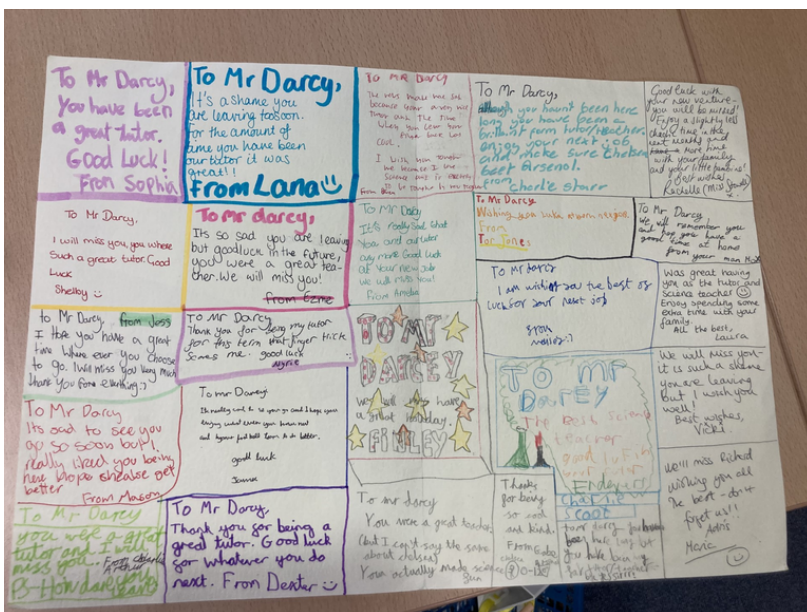


Well done also to Olive Martin, our other Star Chef who made a superb chocolate mousse and Freddie Young in year 7 who made some fantastic rock cakes!



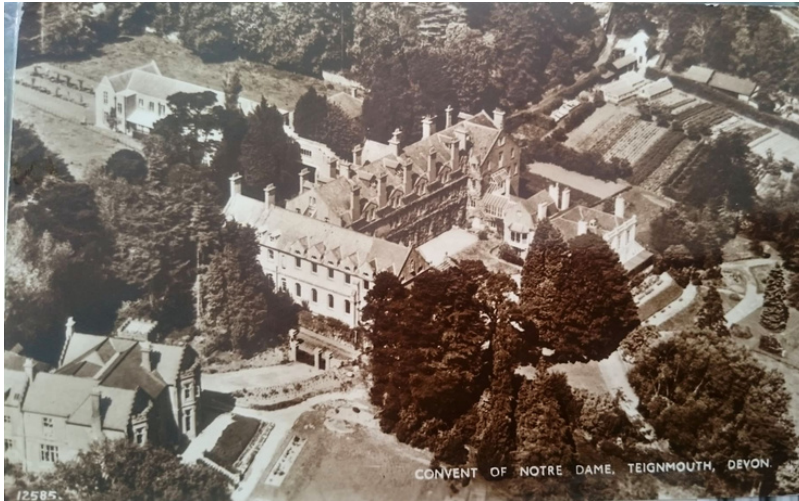
FAREWELL MR DARCY

We wish Mr Darcy all the best for all his future endeavors, he will be missed. He was with us for only a short time but has made a massive impact on the kids and on fellow teachers, both a brilliant person and teacher, he'll be missed! Here is the card his form group made for him.



HISTORY CORNER

This week's photo from our archives. This is



ON THIS DAY... 20th OCTOBER

In 1714 Georg Ludwig von Hannover was crowned George I in Westminster Abbey...

In 1822 the first edition of the London Sunday Times...

In 1955 publication of "The Return of the King", the 3rd and final volume of Lord of the Rings...

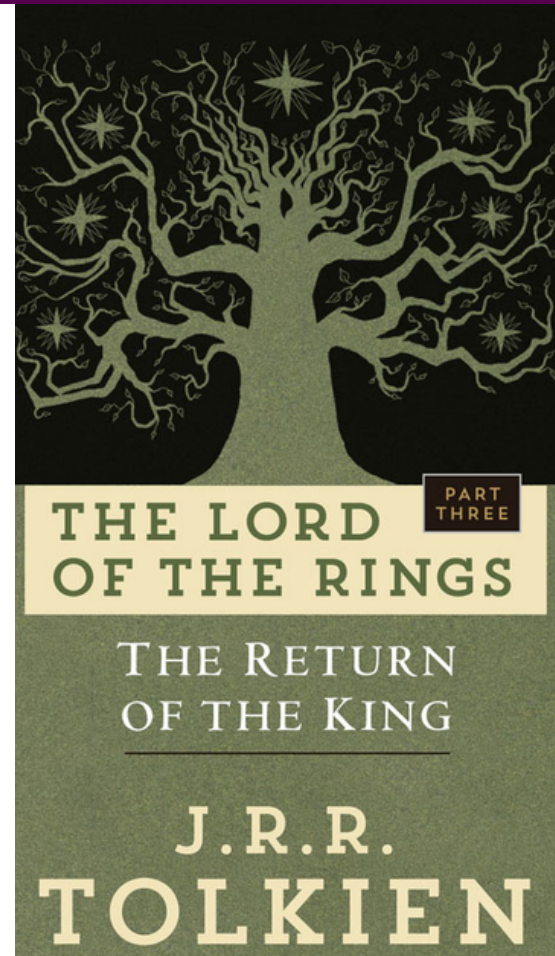
In 1963 the trial of Nelson Mandela begins...

In 1968 Dick Fosbury wins gold at the Mexico City Olympics with his iconic 'Fosbury Flop'...

In 1973 Queen Elizabeth II opened Sydney Opera House...

In 2002 Top Gear premiered...

In 2022 PM Liz Truss announced her intention to resign after 44 days in office...the shortest ever term of a PM!



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YOUNG WRITERS POETRY COMPETITION

DIFFERENT RELAXED FUN LONELY
STRONG FIERCE POSITIVE
OPTIMISTIC ADVENTUROUS
PASSIONATE HAPPY
ANXIOUS

THIS IS ME

POETRY COMPETITION FOR 11-18 YEAR-OLDS

EXTROVERTED STRESSED
FEARLESS AMBITIOUS
LOYAL ANGRY
UNDERSTOOD PROUD
CONFIDING INTROVERTED

OK FINE TOUGH BORED SAD WISE CHILL BRAVE KIND

SEE MISS STOWELL FOR MORE DETAILS!

- YOU COULD BE PUBLISHED IN A REAL BOOK
- £50 AND A TROPHY FOR THE TOP 5 POETS
- POEMS CAN BE IN ANY STYLE, NO LINE LIMIT



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THAT FRIDAY FEELING!

There is no better way to end the week than to celebrate student's hard work and achievements. Congratulations to every student who was awarded Work of the Week or received a Commendation!



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What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING

What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING – ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING – IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON

Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COOON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.

How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM. DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.

Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIKING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR, BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU. EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM – GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.

Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST – A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER. MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCK PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERING YOU. YOU COULD ALSO CONTACT CHILDLINE (WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK), WHERE A TRAINED COUNSELLOR WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT'S WORRYING YOU – YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME.

How do I prove it?

WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAPPENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT AND REPORT THE BEHAVIOUR, SO IT CAN BE ADDRESSED – RECORD THE DATES AND TIMES WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAS OCCURRED, AND SAVE AND PRINT SCREENSHOTS, EMAILS, AND TEXT MESSAGES.

How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.

BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?

National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE	TIME
SW ISA Swimming Competition, Sherborne	21/10/23	08:30 - 18:00
Year 7 Assessment Day	03/11/23	08:30 - 17:00
Year 11 Mid-Term Examinations	w/c 06/11/23	All Week
U13 rugby vs Stover & St. John's (A)	06/11/23	12:00 - 17:00
GCSE Maths Re-sit Paper 1	08/11/23	08:45 - 10:45
Ten Tors Parent Information Evening	09/11/23	18:30 - 19:30
Remembrance Service	10/11/23	10:00 - 11:00





UK Health
Security
Agency

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice Threadworms	Tonsillitis
	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.