



The Saints Federation

'Shine as lights in the world.' Philippians 2:15

Newsletter

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Hapton

Over the past fortnight the Rockets have been continuing to explore their class novel, 'Tin Forest', using emotive language to write a diary from the point of view of the main character. In maths, we have been thinking about ratio and applying this to real-life scenarios. The Rockets and Ladybirds worked extremely hard to prepare for their Christmas Play which resulted in two fantastic performances - well done everyone, you should be very proud of yourselves!

The last two weeks have flown by in Ladybirds and we have continued to enjoy our English work on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and even found the time to make some sandwiches to help us write instructions. We are sure Mr Grinling (and those cheeky seagulls!) would have enjoyed eating them. In maths, the numbers continue to grow larger by the minute and we are becoming experts in using different strategies to add subtract. Finally, we do hope that those of you who came along to watch 'Straw and Order' enjoyed watching it as much as the children loved performing it. I'm sure you will agree, they were all amazing!

All Saints

In Asteroids, we have been writing persuasive letters to the Prime Minister about the issue of plastic pollution. We have had to think about our use of formal language as well as using facts and figures to back up our arguments. We also wrote diary entries from the perspective of the old man in The Tin Forest. In Maths, we have been increasing our confidence with formal multiplication methods. We have looked at prime, square and cube numbers, and we can confidently name all the prime numbers up to 100! We will be using our mathematical thinking in science by creating graphs and charts based on investigations. In RE, we have finished exploring our key question on how religion has impacted the arts. We have really reflected upon our learning and had some really in-depth debates.

In Dragonflies, we have been learning all about Mr Grinling and the story of The Lighthouse Keepers Picnic. We got to make sandwiches with a whole range of different fillings which were really tasty. We discussed how we made our sandwiches and used this to write instructions using imperative verbs and different conjunctions for Mr Grinling so he can make his own. In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction and the different ways which we can solve problems. This included looking at our number bonds beyond 10 as well as using the column method in Year 3. Over the past few weeks, we have rehearsed and performed our Nativity, Straw and Order. The children were amazing, and it was lovely to see so many of you there!

St Andrew's

What an adventure we have had! Home learning and a temporary relocation to All Saints, it has really been quite an eventful two weeks for the children and staff at St Andrew's. The children have been amazing and we were thrilled with their home learning and how well they settled at All Saints. They have enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of PE with the All Saints children and have been developing their social skills on the playground.

In Comelites the children have been exploring diary entries and have been considering their use of vocabulary and how to convey the thoughts and feelings of the writer. In maths we are continuing our understanding of multiplication and division. We are continuing to use a variety of methods including our use of times tables, concrete resources and written methods. In history we have been thinking about settlements and the reasons for choosing certain locations for a settlement. We have also used our historical learning to name and locate places on a map.

In Butterflies we have been learning all about The Lighthouse Keepers Picnic. We made sandwiches and then wrote instructions for Mr Grinling, so he knows what to do if Mrs Grinling is out. We thought carefully about imperative verbs and time conjunctions. In maths we have been learning more methods for subtraction and addition, such as using the number bonds to twenty in year one and the column method in year three. We have been enjoying learning to sing new songs, dances and our lines for the Christmas play. We have also learnt about advent and made a class advent calendar together.

Online Safety

Omele is a website which is designed to allow users to talk to strangers. It works by randomly matching users to talk one-to-one using either text or video. It is free to use and with no requirement for age verification, anyone can sign up and start chatting. Recently, many concerns, such as the dangers around talking to strangers and the prevalence of adult content, have been raised about the safety and use of Omele.

The best way to support your child with life online is maintaining an open and honest dialogue about their online interests, including favourite apps and games. By showing you're interested, children are also more likely to feel comfortable coming to you if there's an issue. Please read the attached leaflet to find out everything you need to know about Omele.

Thank You!!!!!!

Our thanks to Louise and Martin at The King's Head, North Lopham, for letting us use their car park every morning as a safe staging post for the bus ride to All Saints. We very much appreciated your generosity!

Winter Warmer

Now that the weather has turned colder and wetter could we please ask that children come to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves and a scarf. In addition, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies or spare trainers for use outside during break and lunchtimes.

Poorly Pupils

Just a polite reminder that if your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhea, they should stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode, even if they seem to be better.

Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	6	94.07
All Saints	15	91.94
St Andrew's	6	93.51
Whole Federation		93.17

Save the Date – Federation

11 th December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 – St Andrew's
13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
15 th December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - Hapton
15 th December	Christmas Church Service 14:30 – All Saints
18 th December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - St Andrew's
19 th December	Christmas Extravaganza Trip
20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term

Term 3

4th January	School opens to pupils and staff
4th January	Eco Week across the Federation
8 th January	Cathedral Trip
11th January	Yr6 & YrR – Weighing and Measuring – St Andrews
15th January	Yr6 & YrR – Weighing and Measuring – All Saints



Omegle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It first launched in 2009 and its slogan is "Talk to strangers!" There is an option for adult (18+) content and a section for people aged 13+ with parental permission. Anyone can use the site. Users simply go to Omegle.com and then choose 'Text' or 'Video' chat and the page states how many users are currently online. Depending on the time of day this can be hundreds of thousands. Omegle markets itself as a great way to meet new friends however has been known to feature pornography and inappropriate content within chats, so it's important parents are aware of the risks associated with the site.



What parents need to know about

OMEGLE



NO AGE VERIFICATION MEASURES

Omegle is completely free to use and allows users to communicate with others without the need to register, supply an email address or create a profile. This means users can remain anonymous and it's hard to trust who your children are talking to. Furthermore, there are no age verification measures and other than agreeing to the terms and conditions, your child can easily start online engagement with strangers and potentially access more adult-themed content.



RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

The anonymity of Omegle can increase the risk of cyberbullying on the site. Engaging in chat with strangers means that topics of conversation can lead almost anywhere including discussions about looks, body image or the sharing of other personal information. With the availability of video chat as well, this could lead to children being coerced or forced into carrying out activities online which could then be used against them.



UNMODERATED CHAT

Omegle encourages video chat as much as it can, prompting users during their text chat to activate their web cam. Whilst text chat has a degree of moderation, the content in Omegle's video chat rooms is not moderated by administrators and, at any time of the day, there can be thousands of users online. This means that your child could easily come across illegal, unacceptable or inappropriate images or media. Omegle currently offers no function for reporting online abuse or inappropriate behaviour on its site and instead only offers advice to 'please be careful'. It also advises to 'Use Omegle at your own peril. Disconnect if anyone makes you feel uncomfortable.'



PRIVACY RISK VIA FACEBOOK

Omegle can be linked to a user's Facebook account to match their interests and like with other users. This means that Omegle can access your child's basic Facebook information, and Facebook friends may potentially view Omegle activity. In addition, users can save the chat log and share the link without the other user's knowledge. It is not uncommon then for users to request being added to Snapchat, Instagram or WhatsApp for further interaction, moving the conversation into a more personal setting.



RISK OF EXPLOITATION

Omegle chat picks another user at random and there is very little way of verifying who your child may be chatting to. This can lead to a number of risks including catfishing (users pretending to be of similar age), identity theft (users eliciting information to commit fraud) and sexual/psychological grooming (users coaxing others to act in a way or do something they wouldn't normally do).



ADULT THEMED CONTENT

Unfortunately, Omegle is infamous for its pornographic content and it is not uncommon for users to expose themselves or engage in sexual acts. If a user selects video chat, then the other user's webcam will automatically be switched on before the action to end chat can be selected. There is also no 'preview' in smaller thumbnail windows. As video chat is so easy to access, it means that unintentionally viewing more mature, inappropriate or even illegal images can't always be avoided.



Safety Tips for Parents

DISCUSS RISKS WITH YOUR CHILD

It's important to speak to your child about the dangers of Omegle. Guiding and educating young children is far more useful than ignoring the possibility of Omegle being accessed. Explain to your child that Omegle is not completely anonymous and that other users will and do use Omegle to exploit others. Try to emphasise the risk of speaking to strangers and that engaging online is no different to engaging offline.



PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Omegle does not provide advice about how to protect your personal information so it's important that children are aware of what they should and shouldn't share online and with whom. If they use Omegle, always advise against sharing any personal information such as their real name, age, phone number, address or any other personal identifiable information. This also includes details of their social media accounts or gaming ID's. You should also adjust your child's Facebook settings to control what information is shared with Omegle.



REPORT CONCERNS

If your child comes across any inappropriate content or something which upsets them on Omegle, then it's important that they are able to discuss it with you and that you provide them with the support they need. If you think the content is illegal, then it must be reported to the police.



DISCOURAGE VIDEO CHAT

Try to discourage your child from using video chat on Omegle. Not only is there no filters or moderation in place, but children may be coerced into sharing intimate images or videos of themselves, which is illegal if they are under 18 and may be used against them. Omegle text chat has a degree of moderation controlled by Omegle through software and several actual moderators. The software moderates, identifies and prevents certain words and sequences of words to try and prevent bullying and grooming however is still not a 100% failsafe.



TRY OMEGLE YOURSELF

It's always an excellent idea to get a feel for the website or app your child is using so that you can see and understand the issues and risks for yourself. More importantly, it will also provide you with first-hand experience of the risks and dangers if/when you decide to speak to your child about Omegle and what they need to be aware of.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Omegle is a website chat service. Children can only access the text chat on their phone and would need access to a PC or laptop to engage in video chat. If you have genuine concerns over Omegle and don't wish your child to access the site, you can add www.omegle.com to the list of banned websites and URLs. However, it's important to remember that Omegle can still be used via a web browser on an iPad, tablet, smart TV or gaming device and similar controls would need to be implemented on each of these devices separately.



Meet our expert

Jonathan Taylor is an online safety expert and former Covert Internet Investigator for the Metropolitan Police. He is a specialist in online grooming and exploitation and has worked extensively with both UK and international schools in delivering training and guidance around the latest online dangers, social media apps and platforms.



SOURCE: <http://www.omegle.com>



Parent or carer? Need advice or support?

Help is at hand at

www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs and
www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs



There's lots of services working to support families across Norfolk. We're bringing them together in what we're calling Norfolk Family Hubs.

This means that if you're a parent or carer you can get all the information, advice and support you need, when you need it.

You can find info on:

- Parenting
- Pregnancy
- Money and work
- Learning
- Days out and activities and loads more

From the minute you know you're having a baby, right up to your child's 19th birthday (25 if your child has special educational needs), Norfolk Family Hubs are here to help.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

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