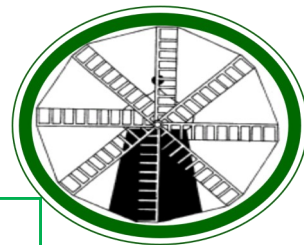


# Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



16th June 2022

## Sports Day - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The sports morning for Reception and Key Stage 1 (Oak, Maple and Willow Classes) will start at **10.30 a.m.** and will last for approximately one hour.

Gates will open at 10.00 a.m. and please enter through the gate to the field on Cowgate.

**All parents and carers are invited to join us for a whole school picnic between 12.00 and 1.00 p.m. (entrance via Cowgate)**

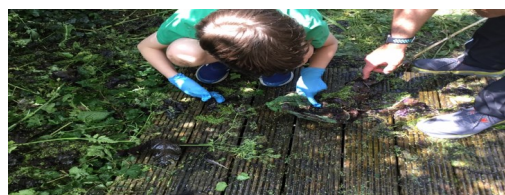
The sports afternoon for Key Stage 2 (Chestnut, Rowan, Silver Birch and Hazel Classes) will start at **1.20 p.m.**

For those parents and carers joining us after lunch, the gates will re-open at 1.00 p.m. once lunch has finished. Again, please enter through the gate to the field on Cowgate.

The winning house will be announced at our celebration assembly on Friday 1st July.



Rowan class enjoyed pond dipping last week. We dipped to see what living and non-living organisms we could find in our pond habitat, thinking about the balance of nature and the species interdependency on one another for survival.



### Diary dates

- 20.06.22 Church Schools Festival Year 6
- 24.06.22 Tuberos Sclerosis Day—sponsorship forms coming home
- 27.06.22 Sports Day with picnic KS1 AM KS2 PM
- 01.07.22 Transition day—details to follow
- 06.07.22 Y4 trip to Skegness Aquarium
- 08.07.22 Year 3 trip to Sea Life Centre
- 08.07.22 Year 5 trip to Parliament, Westminster
- 14.07.22 PTFA Summer Fair
- 15.07.22 St George's Taster day -Y5 whole class—details to follow
- 19.07.22 Year 6 Leaver's party—details to follow
- 22.07.22 End of term

## HOT WEATHER

Due to the extreme heat predicted tomorrow (Friday), please can we ask that all children come to school in school shorts/summer dresses (PE Kits also acceptable)

Please no joggers or sweatshirts. Also a reminder to send in a water bottle, sun hat and suncream.

If your child is unable to apply suncream themselves, please apply it before they come to school.

For swimming, please use a waterproof sun cream/sun block.





## Year 5/6 Girls' Football tournament 10.06.22



Last Friday our school competed in a girls' football tournament, we did really well. Here are our match reports.

Match 1 V William Alvey 0-1

A really close match against the eventual tournament runners up.

Match 2 V Navenby 3-0

We absolutely battered Navenby, a team that finished above us by one point in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Match 3 V Caythorpe 1-1

We showed our character fighting back from 0-1 down to score late.

Match 4 V Spires Academy 2-3

An end-to-end match where we couldn't quite get the equaliser we deserved.

Match 5 V Coningsby 1-1

It was all Heckington in this one, with shot after shot attempted after they'd taken the lead on the break. Eventually we breached their defence!

Match 6 V Winchelsea 0-3

The only match where we struggled against a strong Winchelsea team who went on to win the tournament. Despite being under pressure all match we created a number of break away chances but just couldn't score.

Match 7 V Kirkby La Thorpe 2-0

A 2-0 Thrashing, we were camped in their half all match and could have scored many more!

Match 8 V Church Lane 1-0

Another dominant performance camped in their half and only at risk when they countered. Eventually, one of our corners ballooned off a defender's knee and over their keeper in the last minute to give us the victory!

The girls were brilliant in every game and their behaviour was exemplary.  
Well done!!



# Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

We are going to hold a fundraising day for the Tuberous Sclerosis Association. We have a little boy in school who suffers with this condition. Tuberous Sclerosis causes non-cancerous growths to develop in different organs around the body, causing various complex needs and learning difficulties. It is a lifelong condition, and it is estimated that between 3,700 – 11,000 people in the UK live with Tuberous Sclerosis.

## Cake Competition.

Any theme, any style. Bring in your best bakes to be entered into our Bake-off Competition. Prizes will be awarded on appearance and taste!!



## Crazy & Wacky!!

Come to school dressed in the craziest and wackiest way! Mismatched clothes, clothes that clash, odd shoes, crazy hair.... Use your imagination!

Prize for the craziest child in each class!



## Sponsored Walk.

Get your family and friends to sponsor you – how many laps of the school field can you do in 30 minutes?

Sponsorship forms will be sent out separately. Sponsorship money to be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> July.



## Cake Sale!!

Bring 50p for a cake at break time!



Thank you for your support in raising money for a charity close to our hearts.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, "Bits" and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them – including horror games.

### HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch is free to use because it's supported by advertisers. Removing the ads requires a subscription to Twitch Turbo – or the Twitch Prime package (free for anyone with an Amazon Prime account), which blocks the ads and offers additional goodies such as bonus games. Streamers earn most of their income by asking users for direct donations or gifts of the virtual currency Twitch Bits.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching. It's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams – including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

### WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and provides bullies with visual reactions to their hurtful behaviour.

### PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary. The best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

### LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

### WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content; some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag – including users who (accidentally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

### LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'Bits' is optional.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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# INSPIRATIONAL FESTIVAL

## GREAT HALE CHURCH

Weekend of 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

10am to 4pm



**Be immersed in the inspirational displays** depicting people, art, craft, scripture, music, literature, nature and much more..... all inspired and created by local residents and community groups. **Special feature: display and musical composition entitled "The Spirit of Ukraine"**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 2pm we are serving "sensational" sausages** to suit all tastes and dietary requirements including Pork & Apple, Lamb & Mint, Vegan and Gluten free Lincolnshire sausages from our local butchers served hot dog style! For the sweeter tooth we have strawberries, cream and jam scones and a variety of cakes and plenty of liquid refreshments. In addition to the displays, we have music, mindfulness and inspirational nature activities, craft stall, tombola, a summer draw with a chance to win a restful self- catering holiday for 4 on the North Yorkshire coast and a summer hamper.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> will be a relaxing day to unwind**, immerse yourself in the displays, have a natter, a sandwich, cake and drink with friends. The bells will be rung at 3:30pm and the festival will end at 4pm with 40 minutes of inspirational reflection - including readings, poems, meditation, prayers, music and thanksgiving.