

PAGET NEWS

2ND DECEMBER 2020



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How to Contact Us...

Concerned About A Child's Safety?

Contact Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you feel a child is at risk of immediate, significant harm then call 999 OR contact a DSL in school: *Miss Nussey, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Spiers, Miss Green, Mrs. Ali-Gobern, Mrs. Ewbank or Mr. Merriman.*

Email:
enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk

Telephone:
0121 464 3902 or
07493838732

Twitter: @PagetPrimary



HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

I hope that you are all well as we approach the end of the year and face the inevitable changes to daily life as we prepare to enter a new tier system. Keeping our school community safe during the pandemic is my highest priority and so far, the measures we have taken and the support that we have had from you, has been successful in keeping our school open and enabling most of our children to attend every day. For this we are truly thankful. However, we have not been unaffected by this and I would like to remind all parents/carers that should your child show any symptoms, or any member of your household have a test, then the children should not come in to school, until either the end of the self-isolation period or a negative test result received. The government guidance for parents re managing covid 19 can be found via this link:

[guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)

If you are struggling to access online learning at home as a result of no or poor internet or a complete lack of access to devices, please see a member of staff or Mrs. Thomas as we may be able to help.

Can you believe that the year is almost over? We're at the start of December and it won't be long until the excitement of Christmas starts to take over in school. Christmas in school, like most things this year is going to be different because of the COVID restrictions. Wherever possible we are going to keep our Christmas traditions. The children have started learning their songs for our Christmas Singalong and you will be able to watch this online. The PTFA will be carrying out some Christmas activities in place of the Christmas fayre, such as selling raffle tickets, and there will also be a range of different games and activities on your way into school in the morning nearer the end of term. We are also unable to distribute Christmas cards this year and the staff have agree instead of sending cards they will each make a donation to school fund instead, if parents wish to do the same, we would be very grateful. Mrs Sandford is leading the staff in outing together a Christmas video treat for you all, to try and lift all our spirits; look out for this online in the last week of term also.

As we move towards the end of the year and the inevitable colder weather, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of what should happen should the weather be so extreme that we have to close the school. Those of you that have been at Paget a while will know that this is not a decision I take lightly. In the event of severe weather where it is not safe for school to be open, we will let parents know via Groupcall text message, Twitter and a message will be displayed on our school website. Local radio stations may also make the announcement, especially in the event of a blanket Birmingham closure. Please ensure that the school office has your most up to date telephone numbers so that you receive any important messages.

Take care and stay safe everyone

Vicky Nussey

Cold Weather

Following Local Authority guidance, in order to minimise the spread of Covid19 we continue to ensure well ventilated classrooms. However, as the weather is now a little chillier, we would like to advise children to wear an extra layer of clothing under their uniform while in school, such as a t-shirt, vest etc.

Please also ensure that the children have a warm coat, gloves etc for playtime.

TEAM PAGET NEEDS YOU...

Paget needs your help..... Are you an expert/beginner in gardening or Maintenance? Has lockdown given you a buzz of the outdoors... we have the opportunity to start a very special project at Paget with our community to include both adults and children. Fancy getting involved, get in touch with Mrs Ewbank or Miss Spiers



Child Line

Children if you need to talk to anyone please ring or email www.childline.co.uk



ACTIVE HERO AWARD

I am pleased to share with you all that Paget's very own, Miss Spiers, has won the Nike and UK Active, Active Hero Award for Birmingham, following her nomination earlier this term. We are all so immensely proud of what she has achieved, and I am sure that you will all agree that it is thoroughly well deserved. The link below is to the winner's video for you all to enjoy. Congratulations Miss Spiers!

<https://youtu.be/Cz4uE44hDAE>



Tiny Happy People

The BBC has an excellent resource aimed at the parents of babies and up to ages 4-5 years. The Tiny happy people site has an activity section where activities are grouped in age bands. These include putting actions to words, taking turns, imaginary play and learning nursery rhymes. There is also a tips and advice section which includes advice from midwives and more activities to do with children. This is an excellent resource to recommend to new mums, dads, grandmas and grandads.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



SPOTLIGHT ON VALUES: RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility is a recurrent theme at school, as it probably is at home, and it increases with age, as we all know! At school, we expect more in terms of personal responsibility as the children grow and move through the school. We encourage our children to be responsible for their actions and choices so that they may become problem solvers and make positive contributions. As a values-based school, we talk of responsibility in many contexts and these are outlined below:

- Moral Responsibility (to other people, animals and the Earth)
- Legal Responsibility (to the laws of the land)
- Family Responsibility (to your parents and other family members)
- Community Responsibility (to your local community)
- Responsibility to Customs, Traditions, Beliefs and Rules
- Personal Responsibility (to yourself!)

In these times we find ourselves in it is really important that we all, as decent human beings, step up in terms of taking responsibility in all of these areas.



Online Safety Concerns

We have been made aware of a film clip, Megan is Missing, that is currently circulating on the Tok-tok social media app. The film is apparently exceedingly violent and depicts extreme violence, torture and extreme physical abuse of children (girls).

The clip may also be available on other social media sites. The potential emotional impact of viewing extreme content is huge and we would encourage you to monitor your child's online activity to ensure they are not seeing this inappropriate content and to discuss the unsuitable nature of this, should they come across it.

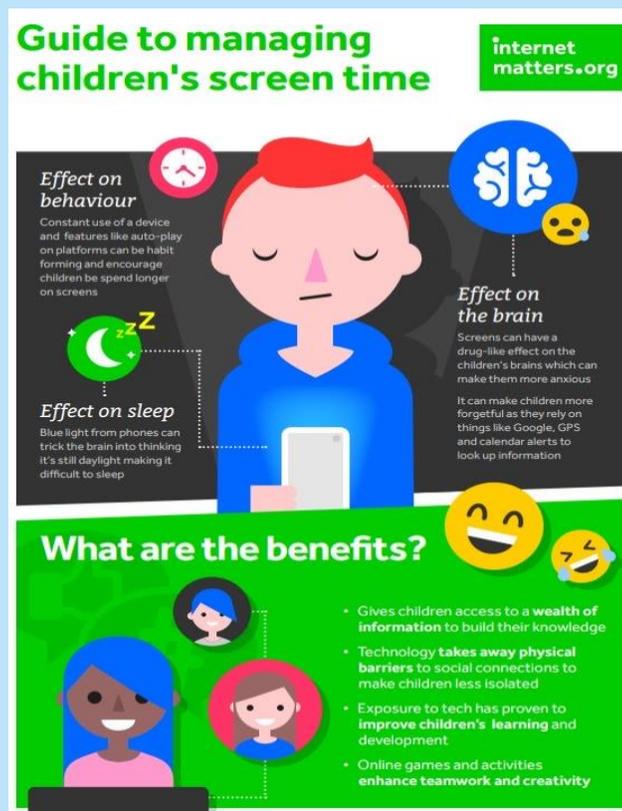
We have also been made aware, by West Midlands Police, about a controversial County Lines app called Cunch. It is a game about running a County Lines (Cunch) operation. It appears to have an in-chat facility which would enable grooming/recruitment, again be aware of what your children are accessing online.

Of you require help or support with regards to your child's online/social media activity then please come and speak to a member of staff. There are also some useful websites for parents to help with these matters and links to these are below:

www.internetmatters.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk





Paget Virtual Christmas Fayre 2020



This year we have to do things differently and our Christmas Fayre cannot run as normal. We will be running a range of different events throughout December that reflect some of our favourite parts.

The children will still take part in Enterprise Week in school and will make a range of Christmas goods to sell. Look out for the marketing and order forms.

In addition there are a range of items for sale and games to play on the gates before and after school. Please remember to take part in a Covid secure way (social distance, hand sanitizer etc.)

3rd & 4th December – PM: Sale of preparation gifts for Christmas (Various prices)
Bells – 10p; Reindeer Food – 50p; Santa key – 20p; Letter writing kit - £1; Ornament – 50p Candles – 50p

9th December – AM: EYFS, KS1 & Panthers – Splat the rat in the Christmas hat – 20p – Lolly prize
KS2 – Festive Football – 20p – Lolly/Win a hamper!
PM: Raffle – KS1 & KS2

10th December – AM: KS1 & KS2 – Lucky Dip
PM: Raffle & Sweets (£1) & Popcorn (50p) for sale – KS1 & KS2

14th December – AM: KS1 – Festive Football – 20p – Lolly/Win a hamper!
KS2 – Splat the rat in the Christmas hat- 20p – Lolly prize
PM: Sweets, Popcorn for Sale Raffle – KS1 & KS2

15th December – AM: Lucky dip – KS1 & KS2
PM: Sweets & Popcorn for sale, Raffle – KS1 & KS2

16th December – AM: Raffle – KS1 & KS2
PM – Cake sale (50p) – KS1 & KS2

17th December – AM: Lucky Bucket – (£2)
PM – Cake sale (50p) & Lucky Bucket (£2)



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 2nd December – School Nurse in to administer flu nasal spray

Friday 18th December – Last day of term - Children break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 4th January – Teacher training day – school closed to children

Tuesday 5th January – term begins – children return to school

Friday 12th February – Last day of term – children break up for half term

Monday 22nd February – term begins – children return to school

Thursday 1st April – Last Day of term – Children break up for Easter

Monday 19th April - term begins – children return to school

W/c 10th May – KS2 Sats week

Friday 28th May – Last day of term – children break up for half term

Monday 7th June - term begins – children return to school

W/c 7th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 20th July – Children break up for the summer

Wednesday 21st July – Teacher training day – school closed to children

Please note there is one remaining teacher-training day where the date is to be confirmed.