



DEER PARK

newsletter

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Headteacher's Hello!

I will keep this message reasonably short as I will write to you all next week to round off the term. We are really looking forward to the Christmas Celebration Evening - the students have been busy elves making it all come together. Before the performances, there will be an opportunity to mingle in the atrium over a warm drink and nibbles available to purchase from Chef Sylvie. This will be available from 5:30pm.

The boys dance group who went to Chichester University were incredible and certainly could bust a few moves at any Christmas party over the incoming break!

I will update you more next week but for now enjoy the weekend, fingers crossed for the football and remember please do contact us if there is anything that we can help you with.

Regards,
Mr Jones



Meet Chef Sylvie

Bonjour! My name is Sylvie and I am the Chef here at Deer Park. I absolutely love my job and take great pride in seeing so many of the students and staff take great enjoyment from the food that I

and my wonderful team have made. I also love the challenge of creating new dishes and recipes to offer to the students at different times of the year.

I am originally from Arras, a beautiful village in northern France and came to England to study English when I was 19 with a view to eventually heading off to Australia. I loved it here so much that I never made it to Oz!

In my spare time, I enjoy walking my lurcher Lola, horse riding and of course a good film with the family.

Joyeaux Noel!



Christmas Jumper Day

Today our students and staff have donned their Christmas jumpers in support of Save the Children.

We have raised an amazing £170.

Thank you to everyone that has taken part and for all of the donations.



Deer Park School

Christmas Celebration Evening

Thursday 15th December, Doors Open at 5.30pm Performance Starts 6pm:

We are looking forward to the very first Christmas Celebration Evening at Deer Park School. Tickets have been hugely popular but we are pleased to confirm that everyone on the waiting list have been successful in securing the tickets requested once payment is received. Due to cancellations we have a small amount of tickets now available. If you have not been able to purchase tickets via ParentPay and would like to attend please contact the school office and we will try to accommodate if possible.



Christmas Celebration Raffle

During our Christmas Celebration Evening there will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win prizes including the star prize of a F&M Family Hamper.

There will be opportunities next week for students to purchase the raffle tickets during the school day.

Funds raised will go towards the **Pastoral Care Room**.

Tickets are priced at £1 per ticket.



Basic Bank

The Basics Bank item collection will begin on Monday 12th December, with the final day for collections being Thursday 15th December.

We would very much appreciate any donations of non-perishable food and drink items, cleaning and personal hygiene items. Remember that all donations will win a point for your tutor group for our whole school competition!



Clothes Swap

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in Deer Park's first clothes swap, it was a huge success due to students' generous clothing donations! We are keen to support sustainable thinking and behaviour among our students here, so it was fantastic to see the whole school's involvement and enthusiasm. A special thanks to the Eco Ambassadors Oakley, Isabella, Eloise and Jacob. We could not have done it without you!

Year 7 - New Year Message from Parents to their Child

As we move towards the end of an incredibly successful first term here at Deer Park, we recognise the huge efforts of your son/daughter in settling into a brand new school. We thought they would therefore enjoy a motivational/inspiring message from their parents to give them a little lift for the start of the new year and new term. Please write your message, along with your child's name and tutor group on [this](#) form and we will print and put onto a lovely Deer Park postcard before handing out in tutor time. We would like the message to be a surprise for them so please keep it a secret!! **Please complete the form by Monday 2nd January.**

Nasal Flu Immunisation Tuesday 13th December

Students who have consent to receive the flu immunisation will receive this in school next Tuesday, 13 December 2022. If your child develops any medical issues in the week before immunisation please contact the School Age Immunisation Team on:
southwesthantsimmunisationteam@southernhealth.nhs.uk

Reporting Absences

Please, where possible, could you contact us before 8.30am if your child is unable to attend school. Absences can be recorded via the Insight App or by e-mailing absence@deeparksecondary.org. Alternatively please call the school on 01489 351100 and select option 1 to report your child absent.

Education for Life

This half term the following topics will be covered in Education for Life:

Year 7	Year 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living in a diverse society• Prejudice and Discrimination• Bullying (including online)• Responding to bullying• Self-esteem and confidence• Identity Rights and Responsibilities• Hate Crime• Sexting and grooming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gender based discrimination• Homophobia/Bi-phobia• Racism and religious discrimination• Diversity and equality• Sexting and grooming

Physical Education, Sports Fixtures & Clubs



Netball Club - Tuesday 6th December

It is nearly the time of year for us all to spend time with family and friends during the Christmas break. I hope you all manage to enjoy the opportunity to go out and explore together on a local walk, bike ride or perhaps even a festive park run? During tutor time this week, students have been taking part in the Deer Park Morning Mile (wearing their Christmas jumpers), which we will look to complete once a half term to ensure physical activity is recognised as an integral part of supporting our physical and mental health.

The students have been making every effort to finish the term well, and we continue to see growing numbers of year 7s attending new extra curricular activities. The majority of students are now bringing additional layers to keep in their PE bag for outdoor lessons, so a thank you for helping me achieve this.

Year 7 are approaching their final Netball & Badminton lessons this term and have developed a range of new techniques and strategies during attack and defence.

What we have been learning - how many can students remember?



Literacy



Something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to READ!

With Christmas approaching, there is no better gift than that of a book BUT it can be tricky to know where to start when looking at books for pre teens!

To help you, we have two lists of books that are suitable for year 7s and year 8s and each front cover has a link to find out a bit more and purchase the book! As an additional bonus, if you purchase through Scholastic then we can continue to add to our ever growing school library with points that we earn. Everyone's a winner!

Not only this, but if you want to encourage reading in your household, it is the perfect time to join Books and Biscuits! Our Book group, which meets on the first Wednesday of every month after school, has just finished their first book, Skellig, and we're starting the next, 'The Lord of the Flies'. It doesn't matter if your child(ren) haven't been before or have other clubs on that day, if they

would like to read the book then let Mrs Walters or Miss Webb know to get them a copy to borrow over the festive period and into the next half term!

Online Safety (standing item): MM Guardian

We are aware that some parents are making good use of the MM Guardian app. This app allows parents to monitor and supervise their children's online activities as well as help to safeguard them against unwanted attention or content. Please take a look should it be of interest to you and your child.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content - including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this enormously popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is free and can be accessed via countless devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is tagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account and a verified age). But children can still view some really inappropriate content. This includes profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY
Content creators can also be put at risk - especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating viral, trending content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messages from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, or write or message to other users directly. Comments by other users, or direct messages, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering abuse predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that can be fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these increasingly entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges need to be safe, but many others warn young children through other watching or copying. The potential for a 'challenge' which can cause injury very quickly is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT
YouTube recommendations videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, coming to promote content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to single-watching and the risk of account hijacking, especially if user profiles are activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammer posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their strange links. Scammers impersonate influencers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts of 'get rich' from schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they seem to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual themes) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from accessing content across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we need to restrict access to Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, accounts and restricted status. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using apps like YouTube which helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'public' - so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, or be available to everyone. Comments can also be disabled and changed so that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS
Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be exposed to a particular creator's content. It also opens up avenues for you to check out their content on other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online streaming platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube - and, if appropriate, with content creators - to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank card and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a childingly deactivating a card for games quickly leads to an unexpected bill.

Meet Our Expert
Claire O'Keefe (M.A., LLM) has worked on a national level in the game industry since 2005, providing solutions with over 1000+ reviews, reviews and quality games. She is the creator of a national training course currently working on video game-related projects such as the game development and online tool kit for kids.

National Online Safety
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Road Closure - Winchester Road/Woodhouse Lane, Botley - extended to 16 December 2022

The road closure on Winchester Road at the junction of Woodhouse Lane, Botley unfortunately has been extended for a further week. This road is now planned to reopen on Friday 16 December.

Please click [here](#) for further information from Hampshire County Council.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group
Monday 12 December	Week B	All Years
Monday 12 December	Basic Bank Collection begins	All Years
Tuesday 13 December	Nasal Flu Immunisation	All Years (with consent)
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Celebration Evening	All Years
Friday 16 December	School day finishes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holidays	All Years
Monday 2 January 2023	Last day for completion of New Year Message from Parents to their Child	Year 7
Tuesday 3 January	First day of term – Week A	All Year



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