

East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

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NEWSLETTER



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Dear East Hoathly Families,

It has been another busy couple of weeks for everyone at East Hoathly and the festive season has officially started. The children have performed a fantastic Nativity, the choir has sung at many local events, and the classrooms are filled with wonderful creations.

There have been trips galore with visits to the Post Office, Batemans, Wakehurst and Lydfords - A big thank you to all our parent helpers for these events.

We are looking forward to our final celebrations of the term and our Christingle Service today at 2pm. Families are welcome to join us for the Christingle Service in the church.

As this is the last newsletter before we break for the holidays we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

Mrs Whythe,

Acting Head of School



Menu Change



Please note that from January, wraps will no longer be on the menu until after the Easter break. The options will be main, vegetarian and jacket potato. Wraps will still be available to order for school trips.



Key Dates



16/12—Christingle Service 2pm/ Last Day of Term 2

Jan 2022

3/1—INSET

4/1—Term 3 starts



Parent Questionnaire Feedback



Thank you to all those parents who took the time to respond to the parent questionnaire during parents evening week. It's so useful to hear your suggestions and it helps us to improve.



Below are some follow-up points based on your feedback:



- On the school website, there are curriculum maps for all year groups, these list what will be covered in each subject for each term. They detail the skills and knowledge we aim to teach the children in each subject.

You can find them here:

[Curriculum Framework - East Hoathly Church of England Primary School
\(pioneerfederation.co.uk\)](https://www.pioneerfederation.co.uk/curriculum-framework-east-hoathly-church-of-england-primary-school)

- We report your child's progress and attainment to you every other term - Term 2, 4 and 6.
- Thank you for all the club suggestions - we will look into them and be in touch when we find something. We would also like to share that all clubs are open to all children from Reception—Year 6.
- Sports Club Costs — The school partially fund the cost of the sports clubs and so the price of these is only £2 for families.
- Online Safety — Look out for our annual E-Safety day in Term 3. We will be sharing more information for children and parents.



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child (ren)'s class teacher.

They are available most days on the playground before and after school or you can contact the office to organise a meeting.

Sports Achievements

Congratulations to Sam in Year 6 who competed in the South East Regional Qualifiers for The British Schools Gymnastics Association, Trampoline Championships, representing East Hoathly School. Sam won the intermediate group and will continue onto the Southern zonal round in January. Well done Sam!



CONGRATULATIONS



Local Inspections

The school has had 2 Local Authority Inspections in the last month. One for 'Safeguarding' and one for 'Provision for SEND'. The reports concluded that 'Pupils are safeguarded well at this school' and 'There is an inclusive approach and feel to the school. SEND feels like it is interwoven into all aspects of school life. Clearly defined systems and processes underpin the inclusivity, which are reviewed and improved as needed. It is clear that there is a flexible and inclusive team with strong SEND leadership in your school.'



Coffee Morning

Dear Parents,

CLASS + are holding a coffee morning at Park Mead Primary on Wednesday 11th January between 9 and 10.30 covering the topic, Autism and Demand avoidance.

I will be providing tea, coffee and biscuits - so if this is of interest please do come along. I hope to see some of you there,

Sian Leahy (Inclusion Manager)

Mince Pie Run

Mr Procter and Mrs Fry recently took part in the Mince Pie 10 mile race. It was very chilly so they used their growth mind set to get through it. They would love other Pioneer staff and parents to join them next year to raise funds for Pioneer initiatives



Hedgehogs Class



Last week Hedgehogs Class visited the Post Office in the village and posted their letters to Father Christmas. We spoke about what we wrote in our letter, what we need to put on it—envelope, stamp etc and what happens to our letter once its posted.

PALS Assembly

This week in our PALS Assembly, we enjoyed sharing our learning from this term with our friends in other classes.

During our assembly:

Molly told Hugo & Orlaith about her topic.

Danny shared with Alex his learning about poetry.

Jake shared with Willow all he learnt about Mary Anning.





Foxes Class



On Wednesday 30th November,
to support our learning of,
'Where in the world are we?'
Foxes Class visited Batemans,
once home of Sussex Author
Rudyard Kipling.

We had a great day exploring the
house and grounds and finding out
as much as we could about the
famous author.



In our English over the past term we have
been exploring the Just so Stories by
Rudyard Kipling, so it was very exciting to
visit the study where they had actually been
written!



We went down to The Quarry
Garden. This is Where Kipling's
children enjoyed acting out their
father's stories.

We acted out 'How the Rhino got
his skin'. This was one of the
Just So stories written at
Batemans by Rudyard Kipling.

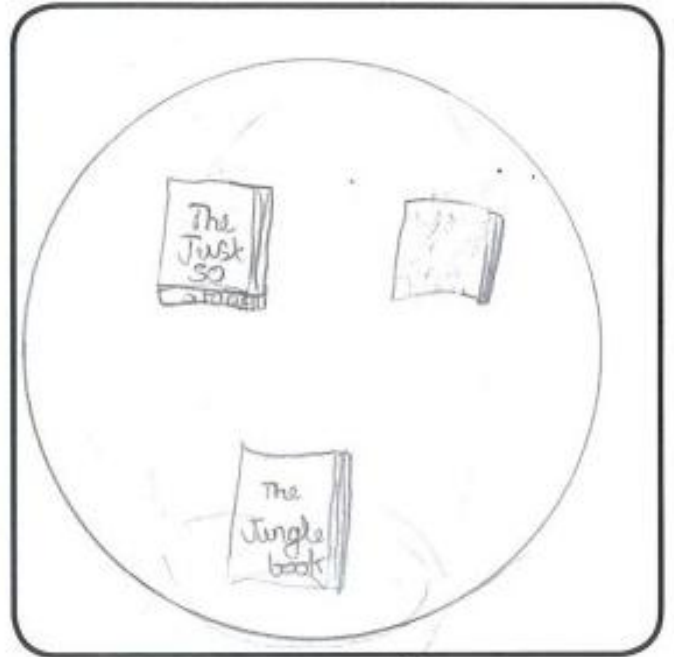


Rudyard Kipling



Books

The types of stories I wrote were the Jungle book 1 and 2, The Just so stories and . The reason why the Just so stories are called that is because when he was finished a book one of his daughters said the book was "just so". ✓



House

He had a big, posh house called batemans and he bought it in 1902. The reason why he moved is because he did not like Random People visiting his house. ✓

Family

Rudyard Kipling married Caroline Starr and had 3 children called Josephine, Elsie and John. His son John died in the war, his body was never found. His daughter Josephine died of phlebotomia because of this loss Rudyard Kipling never recovered. ✓

need another

The following day we wrote fact files with all the facts we found out during our visit.





We all sat out on the lawn at sketched Batemans, we noticed the 5 chimneys that made it distinctive as well as different shapes in the building. This sketch was drawn by Jake.

Nativity

Last week the whole school took part in our performance of 'The Bethlehem Bake Off'. What incredible performances by all the children. Nursery and Reception in particular showed lots of bravery in their first time on stage. Thank you to all the parents that supported with costumes and came to watch the show!



Owls Class



On Tuesday 29th November, Owls Class visited Wakehurst Place. We began our day in the Millennium Seed Bank where we learnt about their huge collection of seeds. Following this we went on a trail around the gardens and found out about how the trees in the gardens have adapted over time. Finally we ended our day creating our own futuristic flowers using items found in the gardens.



Owls Class—Singing at Lydfords Care Home

Owls Class visited Lydfords Care Home this week to sing some Christmas songs with the residents. We enjoyed introducing them to 'The Bethlehem Bake Off' from our Nativity!



The Great East Hoathly Bake Off

Following our Nativity, we held our very own 'East Hoathly Bake Off'. A big thank you to everyone that entered, we had some truly fantastic entries!

Our RE Council judged the entries and decided on the winning bakes.

Our Star Bakers were:

KS1

1st Place—Henry M (Reindeer Biscuits)

2nd Place—Leo (Star Biscuits)

3rd Place—Elena (Cupcakes)

KS2

1st Place—Alexandra (Scene Biscuits)

2nd Place—Beatrice (Reindeer Biscuits)

3rd Place—Oscar (Xmas Tree Biscuits)





Nursery Forest School

Wednesday 30th November 2022



Nursery set off for the woods together, with their waterproofs and wellies. On the way to the woods the children spotted some holly leaves, flowers and berries. They saw lots of large chestnut leaves on the floor and each picked some up. Some used them as wings, some as rabbit ears.

Once in the woods, the children each found two sticks. They then used the sticks to tap out some rhythmic patterns and learn a song together. Then there was time to explore and play in the woodland. There was some excellent turn taking and balancing on the slack line. The children had a go at balancing and bouncing on it.

Each of the children had a go at making their own stick men. They used gloves and peelers to peel a willow stick. They then had a go at drawing a face on it and used pipe cleaners to attach leaves and as arms. They then used them to play with in the woodland. Some then made plates out of clay for their stick people to eat carrots, apples, ham and salami. Some of the children also made them a little house with a leaf carpet and stick roof. We read the story of 'Stick man' at the end of the session as the children had their snack in the woods.

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children have gained from the Forest School experience. The impact can be seen through the skills, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games. Some children found a shield beetle on a leaf.

Well done Nursery, it was great to see the children following their own ideas and fascinations and engaging so well with the woodland environment. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came and supported the children so brilliantly and got involved in all of their play. We can't wait until next time!





Forest School





If you are worried about something. Please speak to a trusted adult.



Mrs Whythe
Acting Head of School
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Mrs Kayleigh Vile
Head of Chiddingly School
Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DDSL)



Miss Kathryn Williams
Year 5/6 Class Teacher
Senior Teacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Mr James Procter
Executive Head
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



We have updated some of our posters in school. This is one of our new ones that shows children and adults who they can talk to with any concerns.

Values Certificates

Last Week:

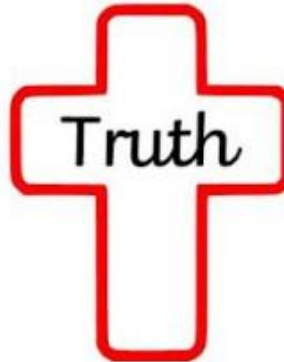
Hedgehogs—Finn

Squirrels Class— Charlie

Fox Class— Ollie G

Owl Class— Hugo D

Please be aware there is no Celebration Assembly this week due to our Christingle Service.



Headteachers Awards

Reuben

Joseph F

Harry P

WELL DONE!

Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

Dec 2021

16/12—Christingle Service 2pm/ Last Day of Term 2

Jan 2022

3/1—INSET

4/1—Term 3 starts

Feb 2022

8/2—Safer Internet Day

9/2—FGB Meeting 5-7pm

10/2—Last day of Term 3

20/2—Term 4 starts

March 2022

2/3—World Book Day

7/3—Parent Consultations

9/3—Parent Consultations

27/3—FGB Meeting

31/3—Easter Service/ Last day of Term 4

April 2022

17/4—Term 5 starts

May 2022

1/5—May Bank Holiday

8/5—Coronation Bank Holiday

9/5—SATs week

16/5—FGB Meeting

26/5—Sports Day and Picnic / Last day of Term 5

Jun 2022

5/6—INSET

6/6—Term 6 starts

Jul 2022

11/7—Summer Production Dress Rehearsal

12/7—FGB Meeting

13/7—Summer Production Performance 1.30pm & 6pm

14/7—Reports out to parents

17/7—Parent Consultation for Reports

20/7—Leavers Service/Last day of Term 6

21/7—INSET





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Wednesday 6th December 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for one **parent governor appointment** for the **Pioneer Federation Governing Body** and are looking for volunteers/nominations to be put forward for the role.

If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form on the reverse of this letter and return to your school office by **9.00am on Thursday 4th January 2023** together with the signed Declaration of Eligibility Form (as attached).

Parent Governors play a very important role in keeping the governing body aware of the views of parents and the local community. They are a vital part of our team and we hope that there are parents willing to give their time and commitment to this important role. The ideal candidate will be passionate about **all** the Federation schools and the community and will be highly committed to working as a governor to support the vision and strategic direction of the Federation.

Please be aware of the following:

In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) Regulations 2003 a person is disqualified from election as a parent governor if:

- they work at the school for more than 500 hours in any school year (i.e. for more than one third of the hours of a full time equivalent);
- they are an elected member of the Local Authority.

If two or more nominations are received, we shall arrange for parents to receive ballot papers which will include the candidates' election statements.

If you are interested in this opportunity to become a member of the Governing Body, you might find it helpful to talk to James Procter, Executive Headteacher. Alternatively you can view East Sussex County Council's website about Governors and their roles at:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/support-for-teachers/school-governors/governors>

Yours sincerely,

James Procter
Executive Headteacher

Alan Brundle
Pioneer Chair of Governors





The Active Mile

WE HAVE REACHED **1,000** MILES!

A huge well done to all the children and staff involved and we look forward to reaching our next milestone.



494 Miles



299.1 Miles



277.8 Miles



1,070.9 Miles





Club Flyer

Type of Club:

After School Club

Activity:

Tag Rugby

Where:

East Hoathly Primary School

Date:

Monday

9th January 2023 - 6th February 2023
(5 Sessions)

Time:

15:15-16:15

Year Group:

R-Y6

Price:

£10.00 - PAYMENT VIA PARENT PAY

Please book online via the activeeducationsussex.co.uk website to confirm your space before payment



How to book →



Club Flyer

Type of Club:

After School Club

Activity:

Hockey

Where:

East Hoathly Primary School

Date:

Thursday

5th January 2023 - 9th February 2023
(6 Sessions)

Time:

15:15-16:15

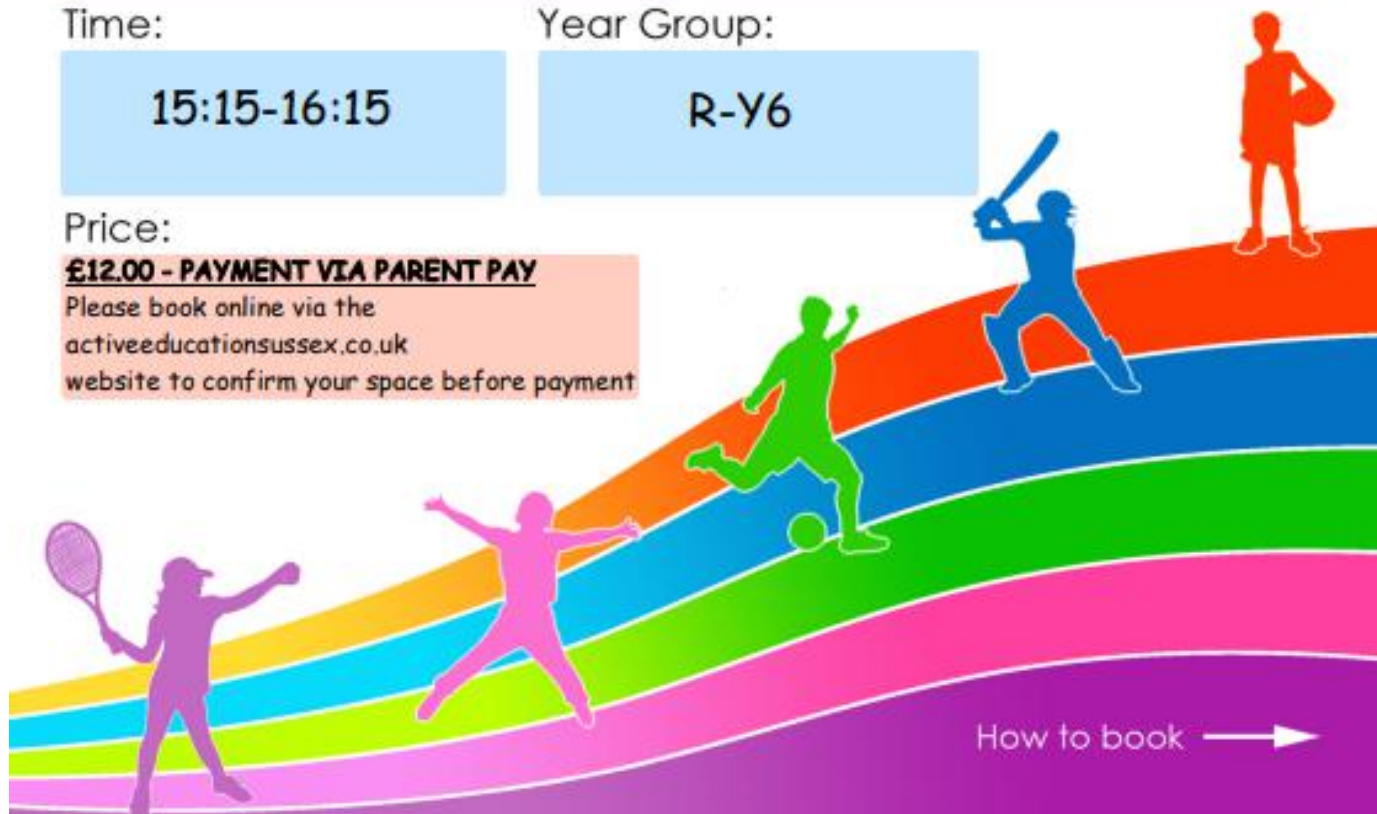
Year Group:

R-Y6

Price:

£12.00 - PAYMENT VIA PARENT PAY

Please book online via the
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website to confirm your space before payment



How to book →



Welcome

PARENTS AND CARERS

PARENT AND CARER COFFEE SESSIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

Mrs Leahy (inclusion manager and SENCO) and Me and My Mind would like to invite you to join us for a drink and biscuit. Parents and carers from all Pioneer schools are welcome to all sessions!

CONTACT
No booking required.
Any questions, please email:
Mrs Leahy
sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11/10/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Understanding anxiety
- 15/11/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - East Sussex School Health
- 17/11/22 - St Mary's - 9.05 to 10.05 - The Thrive Approach
- 1/12/22 - East Hoathly - 9.15 to 10.15 - The Thrive Approach
- 12/1/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 24/1/23 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 3/3/23 - Chiddingly - 2.15 to 3.15
- 21/3/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 25/4/23 - St Marys - 2 to 3pm - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 16/5/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Adult Mental Health Week
- 15/6/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 4/7/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Enjoying the summer holidays




Hello,



The December school holidays are approaching! The Government's Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme funds a range of exciting activities for young people. The activity sessions are free to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents and carers can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website [Free school meals page](#).

All HAF sessions include a healthy meal and are free to those on benefit-related free school meals. A smaller number of places will also be available to children and young people who:

- Referred to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
 - Disabled, those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), those with other special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) or on the disability register.
 - Young Carers
 - Have a disabled sibling
 - Referred to the School Mental Health Teams
 - Gypsy, Roma & Traveller
 - Supported by "Family Focus"/"Troubled Families" services
 - Children in Need (CiN), children on a Child Protection Plan (CP) and Looked After Children (LAC)
 - LGBTQ+
 - Ukrainian Guests
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There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. They all offer a free healthy meal. Activities include sport, art, theatre, forest school, animation, music, computer coding and crafts.

You can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

Also available: [Active primary Sports](#) - book via their own website.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that as many young people as possible take part. Like you, we want them to have a great winter holiday.

You will find more information about the programme on the ESCC [Holiday Food and Fun webpage](#).

Kind regards

The East Sussex HAF Team



**SERIOUS
FUN!**

Role Models

Ages 5 - 7 & 8- 11

RESILIENCE COURSES

19TH - 22ND DECEMBER, 2022

📍 Heathfield Community College

Contact: info@rolemodels.me



Free places available to children
who receive free school meals



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers: they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

Ibory Cajfira has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which? PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



FREE Community Christmas dinner

delivered to **your** door on Christmas day

For those on their own, elderly and families or individuals in need.

There is no criteria to be met,
if you need it we'll deliver it!

Please contact us, in strict confidence,
if you would like us to deliver a delicious two
course Christmas meal to you, your family or
neighbour

Email: christmasdinner.urfc@gmail.com
TEXT: 07895 804 969

Please be assured that strict Covid measures
will be in place with PPE and social distancing adhered to
in the production and distribution of the meals.

Let Uckfield Rugby Club deliver some
Christmas cheer to your door!

