

# Christ Church CofE Primary School



Friday 9th June 2023



Welcome back to the last half term of the year. We have lots of trips and exciting sporting events planned for this half term so please make sure you check Marvellous Me and the text messaging service for updates.

I also must remind you that earrings are not part of school uniform and must be removed for school as we have had accidents recently when children have caught earrings in equipment and clothing. Clear earring retainers are permitted. Please can you ensure that any ear piercing takes place in the summer holidays so they can be removed in September.

I know that the weather is getting nicer and it is lovely to see all of the children that are keen to come to school and play with their friends, but we have a lot of ball games happening before and after school. We have had a few near misses where babies in prams have almost been hit by accident. Can we please ask you to take care and limit the use of ball games before school and then at the end of school leave the site promptly. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Parents Open Afternoon

We would like to invite you to an open afternoon on Wednesday 19th July at 2pm. This will give you a chance you spend some time in your child's classroom and take part in some activities. There is also the opportunity to take home some of the books and work that the children will not need on the last day of term so please bring a bag for life!

## Fire alarms and lockdown Procedures

During this half term we will be practicing fire alerts and a lockdown procedure. As we did last time for lockdown, it will be explained to the children that there is a dangerous animal in the yard that we need to hide from. In September, we will complete one practice per half term starting with a fire drill in September

## KEY DATES

WED 14TH JUNE - YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS JSPENCE

MON 19TH JUNE - FUN RUN JSPENCE KS1 & 2

SPORTS DAY - THURS 22ND JUNE KS1/EYFS AM AND KS2 PM

TUESDAY 27TH JUNE WW2 DAY Y5

AUTISM COFFEE MORNING HELD BY THE NORTH EAST AUTISM SOCIETY- 29TH JUNE AT 9AM

WHOLE SCHOOL SCIENCE SHOW- 5TH JULY

LEAVERS CHURCH SERVICE- 6TH JULY

BEACH TRIPS WILL BE WEEK COMMENCING 10TH JULY

NSPCC WORKSHOPS Y5 & 6 - MON 10TH JULY

KS2 SAT RESULTS - TUES 11TH JULY

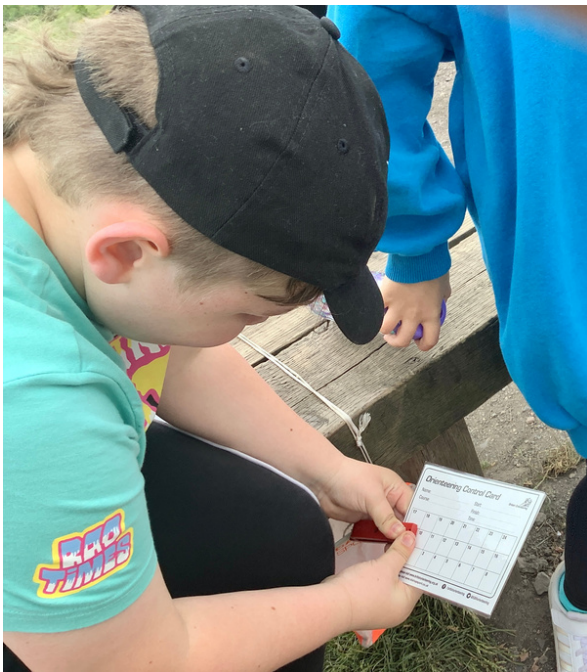
REPORTS SENT OUT -THURS 13TH JULY

Y6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - THURS 20TH JULY

END OF TERM - THURS 20TH JULY



## Year 5 Challenge and Trail Event



Year 5 visited the Rising Sun Country Park to take part in the local Challenge and Trail event. This event, involves local schools competing in an orienteering challenge on the grounds of the Rising Sun. Rising Sun Country Park. The children were given maps to help them find each point – they worked well together in their teams and needed to ensure they returned to the centre within a 5 minute window to receive maximum points.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# OMETV

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

## STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webcam function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

## EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

## REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

## AGE VERIFICATION

17+

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

## VIDEO RECORDING

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When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coaxed by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

## LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.

### DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webcam function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.

### ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by others, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being coaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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## Forest school

This week the children have been making flat breads. They made their own dough and cooked them on the fire. They were deliciou!



### BBC FOOD

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#### Quick flatbreads



Preparation time  
**less than 30 mins**

Serves  
**Makes 4-6 flatbreads**

Cooking time  
**10 to 30 mins**

Dietary  
**0**

Flatbreads are cooked all over the world from Mexican tortillas to Indian chapatis. They are great served soft, filled with cheese or falafel, or baked until crisp and served with dips, soups or stews.

By Jo Ingleby

#### Ingredients

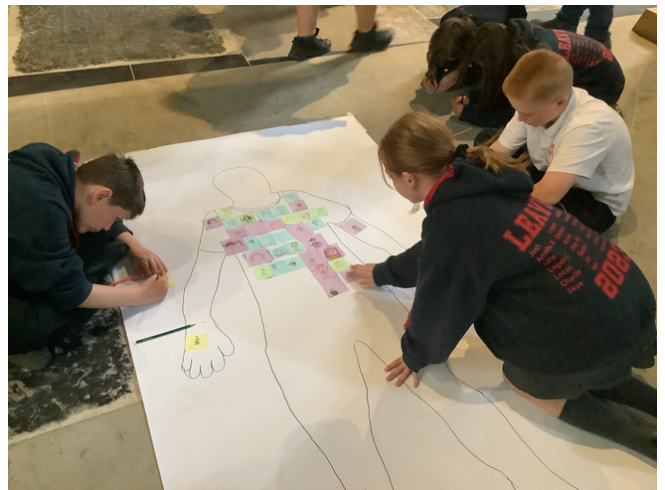
200g/7oz plain or wholemeal flour  
½ tsp salt  
100ml/3½ fl oz warm water  
2 tbsp oil (olive, sunflower or vegetable), plus extra for cooking





## Year 6 Leavers' Celebration at Newcastle Cathedral

Year 6 visited St Nicholas Cathedral for a leavers' celebration. We reflected on our time in primary school and thought about all the things we are looking forward to in high school. We finished the morning with a service of thanks.





## Year 6 Drama Workshop

Shoddy Theatre came in to deliver a brilliant drama session with year 6. We played some games to develop our imagination and then worked in groups to perform our own compositions.

