**Parents evening**

Thank you to those who attended parents evening and who filled in the parent survey. It is very valuable for us to receive feedback and we’re delighted with the many positive comments. For those who have not filled in the parent survey please follow the link and we will close the survey on Friday.

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R9K](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R9K)

**PTFA Fireworks**

Our fireworks evening went with a bang! We raised almost £2,000 for the school. Thanks to all our brilliant volunteers and to everyone who came. We hope you had a great night! (Photos over page).

**Book Fair**

We have had two very successful evenings selling books at the book fair. Books will be for sale after school briefly this afternoon for the last time. So far, we have sold £756.94 worth of books. The school has 50% to spend on books; if we reach the £800 mark its 60%, so if you can pop in after school today, please do.

**Lunch accounts**

Please can we remind you that lunch accounts must be kept in credit.

**Coats....**

Can you please ensure your child/children come to school with a jumper/cardigan and a coat especially as the temperatures have dropped.

**Children in Need**

This Friday is ‘Children in Need’. Pupils can come into school in pyjamas and have messy hair for a £1.00 donation. They will each receive a raffle ticket. More can be bought for 50p each. There will be a cake sale and cake donations would be appreciated. Please drop cakes into the school office by Friday morning. The ‘Bake off’ cake competition will be judged on Friday morning and if your child is happy for their cake to then be cut up and sold at the cake sale then let Cat know as you drop it off to the office. Everyone can enter the cake competition and a prize will be given in each key stage. There will be activities in the hall after school as well, so please all come along.

**DIARY DATES**

**NOVEMBER**

13th
- Y3/4 Swimming
- Guitar Lessons
- NO GYMNASTICS after school today
- Y5 WW2 exhibition in church
  6pm—7pm

14th
- Piano Lessons
- KS1 Thrilling Thursday
  2.50pm
- NO ZUMBA after school today

15th
- Children in Need
- Celebration assembly Y3
- All parents welcome 2.30pm
- PTFA Treat Friday 3.15pm
- Second hand uniform sale

18th
- Drum Lessons
- Y6 Forest School—afternoon

19th
- Violin Lessons
- NSPCC Parent workshop 2-3pm

20th
- Guitar Lessons
- Y7 Pizza evening 4.30pm
- KS2 TAG Rugby festival 1-4pm
- Painswick RFC

21st
- Piano Lessons

22nd
- Sportshall Athletics competition SPLC 1-3.30pm

25th
- Y4 Forest school—afternoon
- Y6 (2020) Residential deposit deadline £50.00
- NO SCHOOL RUN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (staff meeting)

26th
- KS2 TAG Rugby festival 1-4pm

27th
- Y3/4 Triathlon—Bike/scooters needed

29th
- Y5 (2020) Residential deposit deadline £30.00
- NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS Advent Service St. Georges Church 2.30pm
- All parents welcome—lead by Y5, crafts & snacks provided afterwards for those then going to Noel.

**DECEMBER**

2nd
- Y3 Forest School—afternoon

4th
- London Chess trip 6.50am

9th
- Y2 Forest school—afternoon

16th
- FLU immunisations
- RECP Forest school—afternoon

18th
- Christmas lunch 12.10pm
- KS1 Nativity 2pm
- KS1 Nativity 6pm

20th
- Last Day 1.15pm Finish

**WW2 exhibition**

Y5 are putting on an exhibition in St George’s at 6pm this evening of their WW2 art work, please pop in and support them.
Reception

Yesterday, we went on a welly walk to Norton woods and we played in the leaves. We have started to go to our daily worship with the rest of the school. Last Friday, we chose a pebble to welcome us into Nailsworth Primary school.

Year 1

This week has been very different in Y1. At the start of the week Miss Baker had a bit of a tumble and hurt her foot! The children have all been excellent helpers so we are very proud of them.

Year 2

We have started our new topic and were learning about Africa. Mrs Tyler-Sell has shared lot of pictures and stories from her South African adventure. We are all very excited to be learning about this amazing country and its animals.

Year 3

Mike came to visit us with his guide dog Danny and his wife Wendy. We asked him lots of questions about his life and he showed us how his phone works. It was amazing! This week in English we wrote thank you letters to Mike and wrote a character description of his dog.

Year 4

This week, we have been writing as though we are a ranger on the reserve in South Africa. We have really enjoyed learning about Pangolins, they are amazing animals.

Year 5

We have been learning about our new topic South America. In Maths, we have been multiplying by tens. We have been writing poems about being an evacuee in English.

We are looking forward to our exhibition in St Georges church this evening. Please come along and see our work and have a honey biscuit which we baked yesterday. We have also started to research our church service for Advent on 29th November. Following the Advent service, there will be refreshments and craft activities (angel table decoration, Christmas trees, Advent crowns) for children (and adults if they wish!)

Year 6

This week, year 6 have been doing Bikeability. We have been learning about road safety and we have been learning U-turns and how to ride safely on minor roads and major roads.

Fireworks.......
At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, so that they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, ideas and tips for adults.

**Suggested Apps and Games for EARLY YEARS**

**FISH SCHOOL HD**
This app teaches young children eggs 2-5 simple important things like a fish, shapes, numbers and colors all set in a colorful underwater world with various exciting creatures. The app idea is that kids will like that and use it to make learning fun. The app is an educational app designed to teach young children the basics of the sea in a fun and easy way. The app is available for iOS and Android.

**GREEN EGGS AND HAM - DR. SEUSS**
The story Dr. Seuss has grown into an interactive adventure for modern day kids, with many fun apps option to encourage literacy learning. In this app, there's a few different options on how to enjoy the story, you can read it aloud together, have the app read the book and follow along, or listen to the recordings you can even tap on words to hear them individually to practice reading aloud. While the app will get you back £1.79 on Android (£1.99 on iOS) it is an excellent download, with many parents being much their young children have loved the story. It speaks volumes about the quality of the work, too, that a book from 1960 can still be read and loved by children some two generations after its initial release.

**TOCA LAB: ELEMENTS**
TOCA Lab is the app of choice in encouraging little scientists to get to grips with elements, compounds and have loads of chemistry work. This app might be a little advanced for younger kids and through it has a few bar settings, it does recommend ages 6 and up as the description. All 118 elements are present in TOCA Lab and kids are encouraged to find and look at them all. Experimenting with things like Gold, Hydrogen and more. It gets a better grasp of how everything is in our universe is formed. In mind though that it's not meant to be a scientific account on how elements react, but to build curiosity in young minds. The app is available on iOS and Android for £2.99.

**BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS**
What's the next best thing to travelling the world? Well, for kids with access to a screen, the Barefoot World Atlas can be a great tool. This app is available only on iOS for £14.99. This app can also help children explore how to get to new places and the content of their own home and how it's all about our planet. The app, which is great for 6-14 years, it is a fun way to learn on apps and the large collection of tools and maps graphic works will suit a larger screen like an iPad, or a mobile phone. Despite this, the ability to simply search and doodle, coupled with more advanced features later down the line, should make it a must own for all age ranges. The app is free to download on both Android and iOS.

**SKETCHBOOK - DRAW AND PAINT (AUTODESK SKETCHBOOK ON IOS)**
A very encouraging artistic ability at an early age can often be invaluable in letting kids' imagination know and there are many apps that allow them to express that passion. Sketchbook is highly recommended with over 130,000 reviews. Essentially, the app comprises a blank canvas and a host of freehand drawing tools like paint, pencils and pain brushes. Sketchbook is ideal to let those creative juices flow. Sketchbook is rated PG-13 so younger children should be able to get to grips with it however, it could prove a little too complex for some. It is a fun way to learn on apps and the large collection of tools and maps graphic works will suit a larger screen like an iPad, or a mobile phone. Despite this, the ability to simply search and doodle, coupled with more advanced features later down the line, should make it a must own for all age ranges. The app is free to download on both Android and iOS.

**LITTLE FRIENDS: CATS & DOGS**
If you're looking to introduce pets into the family home but aren't sure how about your children might react, a good way to get your younger one acquainted with an animal before a big commitment is a game like Little Friends: Cats & Dogs. This Nintendo Switch game tasks players with looking after, playing with and loving their own virtual cat or dog. Much like Nintendogs & cats can be an excellent introduction to keeping a real animal. While only a tablet game, Little Friends: Cats & Dogs is suitable for all ages and entirely online, so there's nothing at all to worry about when they're enjoying it alone.

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**BMC IP PLAYER KIDS**
This app is designed for kids and lets them watch all their favorite CBBC and CBeebies shows in one place. The simple interface is easy to navigate and the app itself is entirely free on both Android and iOS with no adverts whatsoever. BMC Player Kids can download shows to your device's internal storage allowing you to take all the best bits with you wherever you are. The app is free to download on both Android and iOS.

**ROCKET LEAGUE**
The concept behind Rocket League takes teams of jet-fueled cars zipping around football-inspired pitch in an attempt to knock a giant, over-sized ball into your opponent's goal. Using a variety of Nike, the challenge is to keep the ball in play and score goals. Rocket League is available on Windows PC, Mac, PlayStation, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch at a variety of price points. With enough, you can spend money in the game for certain items to be sure you know when your young ones are playing and what they're buying.

**Meet our expert**
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Suggested Apps and Games for 7-11 Years

Learning

MAGIC PIANO BY SMILE
While Magic Piano doesn’t strictly teach you how to play the piano, it does teach hand-eye coordination and can help spark creativity in young minds. Users can play along to a variety of popular songs provided by the app, or create their own by playing with the song as it feeds against a piano as you follow the notes. The app also offers interactive exercises and fun games to help you learn more.

AZOOMEE
Azoomee houses over 1,000 games, videos and activities for kids of all ages to play, have fun and most importantly, develop key skills. The app is award-winning, Bizteem nominated, supported by the NSPCC and adheres to the description on the app page and comes with a series of parental controls built in. As well as educational games, activities and kid’s favourite TV shows, the app also has a built-in chat feature where they can talk to their friends safely. A nice little touch is that if you buy a subscription to Azoomee for unlimited premium content for £4.99 a month, a portion of the money goes back towards supporting the NSPCC. The app is available in iOS, Android and Amazon.

POLY BRIDGE
While Poly Bridge might sound like a game for younger kids, it’s actually an incredibly grown-up way to learn critical thinking and engineering skills in a fun, challenging way. It’s a challenging but satisfying game to play, it’s your task to get cars, buses, trains, boats and more safely to their destination by designing bridges that are safe and practical. When you nail those bridges are matched to the needs of the vehicles and they’re able to travel through them safely made and high on the bridges. Poly Bridge is available in iOS, Android, OS and Nintendo Switch at various price points, to be sure to check which is the best option for you.

SCRIBBLENAUTS UNLIMITED
Scribblenauts is a game for kids that actively encourages children to use their imagination to solve a variety of puzzles. Kids can scribble out their ideas and play the game together creating potential solutions for main character Max. Kids can use the Scribblenauts to create their own adventures and the app has a wide variety of vehicles, objects and characters available in the game.

SUPER MARIO ODYSSEY
Widely regarded as one of the greatest games Nintendo have ever made, Super Mario Odyssey provides a beautifully rendered and thrilling adventure for kids to play. The game is full of fun and challenging environments for kids to jump across. The game is also available on Nintendo Switch, so no extra investment will be made, but the console boasts a host of other child-friendly titles and the ability to play on the go as well as at home.

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SUPER MARIO ODYSSEY

NETFLIX
As obvious as it may sound, Netflix’s children’s section is ideal for keeping young kids entertained and busy. Netflix has a host of music, movies and shows available for kids to enjoy. The app also has a parental controls option to ensure the app is safe and suitable for young children.

MICROSOFT

LEGO MOVIE MAKER 2
The LEGO Movie Maker 2 app lets users create their own stop-motion movies and upload them for others to watch online. Kids can create a short LEGO movie in whatever genre they like using a range of easy-to-use tools and are able to add sounds and Visual effects to make the movie look super realistic. All movies are recorded beforehand so you can be sure no sensitive information is uploaded or viewed by third parties. The app is free to download on both iOS and Android devices but does require creation of a LEGO account to upload videos. The only information needed for an account is your email which you will receive an email address and date of birth. While it’s rated for 4, kids of all ages and up will get the most out of this one.

ADVENTURES OF POCO ECO: LOST SOUNDS
If something more slow-paced and chilled out is on your radar, Adventures of Poco Eco should be able to scratch that itch. With an emphasis on creating a rich and inviting world, Poco Eco is perfect for young minds, as opposed to challenging them. The single player game is available on all iOS and Android devices, as well as the Amazon Kindle Store and you can also buy yourself a free copy of the soundtrack with the purchase.

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