

Woodchester Endowed Church of England (VA) Primary School News

Our church school community seeks to inspire children and adults to love, learn and flourish together so we may become everything God has created us to be.

Christian Value– Humility

Friday 15th March 2024

'Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many' (1 Corinthians 12; 14-16)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we write, the sun is shining, children are playing outside and it definitely feels like Spring is in the air! We have had a wonderful week celebrating all things related to books as part of the Woodchester Literature Festival this week. A huge thank you to all of you for supporting our week of activities; thank you to Mrs Jordan for organising the event - there will be more on this in the next newsletter.

It is always wonderful to hear about our students successes outside of school and this week, we were very proud to hear about the achievements of Persephone and Nettie in the recent Mini Minch 2k run around Minchinhampton Common on Sunday morning. Persephone came 1st in the under-7 girls and Nettie came 2nd in the under-10 girls. Well done girls—we are very proud of you.

We also like to hear about the successes of ex-students and were thrilled to hear about the recent rugby success of Imogen Latham, an ex-pupil and also daughter of our very own Mrs Latham. Imogen proudly represented Hartpury College Ace Squad in the U18 Ladies Colleges Rugby Final at Twickenham earlier this week. After a thrilling match, Imogen and the rest of her Hartpury team mates emerged victorious—a fantastic result so huge congratulations to the team!



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Loomes, Mrs Pennington and Peggy

MESSY CHURCH

Easter Messy Church Wednesday March 20th 3.20pm -4.45pm

We are looking forward to our next Messy Church which will be on **Wednesday 20th March from 3.20pm**. Our theme will be Easter and we have crafts for all ages including making Easter gardens, making and baking hot cross buns, painting, Cheerio crosses and lots more. Also lots of yummy goodies to eat.



Please join us if you can, it doesn't matter if you are late. All young people need to be accompanied by an adult. There is no need to book, you are all welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Look out for our **Easter trail** in the church grounds over the school holidays. There are activities to go with the trail. On **Easter Sunday at 11am** we will have a chocolate Easter Egg hunt in the church grounds as part of our All Age Service. You are welcome to join us.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Liz Hale and Messy Church team, liz@johnhale.plus.com

GIANT HEDGEHOG VISITS WOODCHESTER!

Emily and Marion, two dedicated volunteers, visited the whole school on Monday to talk about their work helping injured and poorly hedgehogs. They are based at Frampton near Saul and last year helped over five hundred and fifty hedgehogs.

Emily and Marion are passionate about raising awareness of hedgehogs and conservation for wildlife and we were delighted that they were able to come and share their knowledge. They showed lots of lovely and informative photographs of tiny hoglets, fully grown adult hedgehogs and funny food loving hedgehogs and we learned that they need fresh water to drink and cat food to eat. In the wild, the hedgehogs search for slugs, snails, worms and other bugs to eat and they depend more and more on our gardens to find their meals.

The Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue centre do not bring sick and injured animals along to the talks because they can be easily stressed but Emily and Marion did bring 'Bud', their giant hedgehog friend!

At the end of the talk, Emily gave children an opportunity to ask questions. The children showed their interest asking questions such as, 'How can you contact the Rescue Centre?', 'What should I do if I find a hedgehog that needs help?', 'How do you pick up an injured hedgehog?'.

What a brilliant start to our Woodchester Literature Festival which is all about endangered animals and conservation. There was no charge for the visit and our visitors were very grateful for the donations of cat food for the hedgehogs.

Thank you to Emily, Marion and Bud, and to everyone who was able to donate. It was much appreciated.



Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue



COUNTRY DANCING FESTIVAL

On Thursday 7th March, a team of 12 pupils, Mrs Holmes, 5 members of staff and a host of supportive parents arrived at Stratford Park Main Hall in a high state of anticipation for the newly reinstated Country Dancing Festival. This was the first festival to be held since February 2019 and we were all very excited. Practices have been happening after school on Tuesdays since January, learning 7 difficult dances with much fun and laughter in the sessions.

On the evening, we joined 9 other schools in the main hall and our dancing was accompanied by the Downfielders Folk Group and a caller to help us out when we forgot what came next. All schools danced at the same time and it is quite a powerful sight seeing so many children together. Although initially nervous, our children performed brilliantly and kept going throughout the evening. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed being part of an event towards which they had worked so hard.

A big thank you to Mrs Holmes for giving up her time to teach Country Dancing as well as sewing such swishy skirts for the dancers to wear, to all of the staff that came to support on the night, the parents who supported their children and took part in two adult dances, but, most importantly, to the lovely Country Dancing team that represented our school in such a positive manner.



HAWTHORN CLASS TOY SALE

On Friday 8th March, Hawthorn ran a successful toy, book and cake sale. As a class, we had decided to raise money for Make a Wish and the RSPCA. We had designed our own posters and fliers, collected and sorted all the donations and ran all the stalls. The delicious cakes and lemonade were very well received by the Woodchester community. There were lots of eager customers for all the toys and books that were kindly donated too. Altogether we raised £200 – well done Hawthorn! Thank you Mrs Coombs, Mrs Boulton and Mrs Latham for your efforts.



Woodchester Parish Litter Pick and Spring clean

**Please come along and help tidy up
the village!**
Sunday 17th March
10:30am – 4pm

Please sign in any time and collect bags, litter pickers and safety equipment from 1 Oak Villas (next to the village hall) or the lay-by on the A46 at Frogmarsh. Wear sturdy (gardening) gloves. We only have adult sizes.

PHOTO CALL 4PM FROGMARSH LAYBY



Children can apply for a Green Blue Peter Badge for this activity. More details on www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge.

Please read the health and safety advice provided and wear the safety clothing issued to you. Children must be accompanied and dogs kept on a lead and under control. The annual litter pick is organised by Woodchester Parish Council. Further details call 07514024034

✧ ✧ Calling all artists! ✧ ✧



**Love, Learn,
Flourish
Together**



Can you design a new poster on A4 using paint, colouring pencils or pens that represents our school vision? There will be a winner's prize for each key stage!



Entries to be handed in by Monday 15th April. Please put your name and age on the back of your design.



Entries will be judged by members of our Church Community and Ethos Governor Committee

WOODCHESTER LITERATURE FESTIVAL—DRESS AS SOMEONE YOU'D LIKE TO INTERVIEW



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

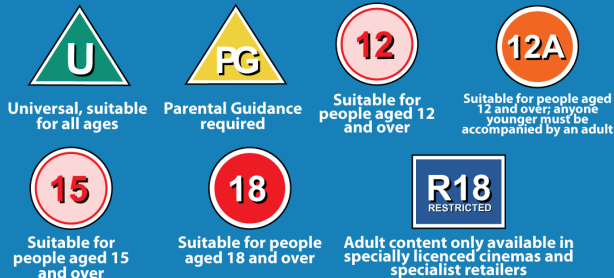


RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



DATES

15.03.24—FOWES Clothes Swap evening

16.03.24—King's Science & Engineering Challenge 2024 10am

20.03.24—Easter Service (whole school—St Mary's Church, Woodchester) 9:30am

20.03.24—World Maths Day

21.03.24—PCSO Visit—Year 6

22.03.24—Final Day of Easter Term (3:15pm)



EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 25th March 2024—Friday 5th April 2024 (inclusive)

08.04.24—First Day of Summer Term

24.04.24—Bags2School 9am

06.05.24—May Day

13.05.24—Key Stage 2 SATS Week begins

15.05.24—Messy Church 3:20pm

24.05.24—Final Day of Half Term (3:15pm)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 27th MAY 2024—Friday 31st May 2024 (inclusive)

INSET: Monday 3rd June 2024 (Staff only)

