



Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School

Newsletter No 9 - 12th November 2021

Holiday Dates -

Christmas Holidays - Monday 20th December - Tuesday 4th January 2022

February Half Term - Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022

Easter Holidays - Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April 2022

May Bank Holiday - 2nd May 2022

May Half-Term - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Inset Days - 24th June and 27th June 2022

Last Day of Summer Term - 21st July 2022. 1:30pm Finish

Dates for your Diary -

Monday 15th November - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 16th November - Nursery Parents Evening

Wednesday 17th November - Nursery Parents Evening

Thursday 18th November - Flu Immunisations

Thursday 18th November - Nursery Parents Evening

Friday 19th November - Children In Need

Wednesday 1st December - Bedtime Stories

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 16th December - Christingle making

Friday 17th December - Pantomime

Friday 17th December - School Closes at 1:30pm

Tuesday 4th January - Return to School

Wednesday 5th January - No Pens Day

Friday 28th January - International LEGO Day

PA Events

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 27th November

Achievers of the Week -

Explorers: Cinar

Stars: Quinten

Planets: Violet

Galaxies: Rocco

Moons: Arnold

Astronauts: Alex

Asteroids: Claudia

Rockets: Alfie

Flying Saucers: Sophia S

Satellites: Toby SP

Attendance Heroes -

Planets: Joshua

Galaxies: Inara

Astronauts: Amelia Rose

Asteroids: Mila

Flying Saucers: Naya

Satellites: Jack

LUNCH MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 15th NOVEMBER 2021

Monday – Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Baked Beans with Mixed Salad and Strawberry Mousse

Tuesday – Pasta Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread and Dairy Free Flapjack

Wednesday – Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli and Fruit

Thursday – Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza with Pasta and Mixed Salad and Dairy Free Marble Cake, Custard

Friday – Fish Finger Wrap or Veggie Fish Finger Wrap with Wholegrain and White Rice, Sliced Cucumber, Grated Carrot and Shredded Lettuce with Fruit.

News ...

Fireworks - The Fireworks Event this Friday, 12th November, is now **sold out**. **There will be no tickets available on the gate**, only pre-sold wristbands will be admitted.

Art Work - The piece of art sent as the 'Art Gallery' activity last week, was created by your child and was entered to be part of our school Art Gallery. The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating the pieces of art as well as looking at each other's artwork in the hall. We would like to offer you the chance to purchase your young artist's work. Framed artwork can be ordered for a cost of £5. This covers the cost of a simple frame and a small donation towards future art projects. Alternatively, you can request the artwork without a frame at no cost. If you choose to buy your child's artwork, you will be invoiced via our online payment system SchoolMoney within a few days. Thank you for your support with this event which has been designed to inspire our young artists of the future. Orders should be made using the google form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAIEDbsweKKfeo0G2jGSt7qZrMaAR-WtX96ayMYQUU_7spA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Halloween Competition Winners:

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Isabella F	Quinten - Stars	Leah H - Flying Saucers	Kadee - Asteroids
Yoshell	Martin - Stars	Harrison W - Planets	Rocco - Galaxies
	Hattie - Moons	James - Astronauts	Indigo - Satellites

Christmas Fayre Volunteers - The Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 27th November, is fast approaching and to ensure that this is an amazing event the PA need volunteers. If you can spare some time before, during or after the Fayre, please complete the google form on this link below <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSef9mCMjd1jZ6XuGUtnd4YyV3MUX28-tusjQ1Hc61K9xLESKA/viewform>

Alternative school pick up arrangements - If you require an alternative person/s to be able to collect your child from school, please complete the form via the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuDMcqV7BYj2ydYnkyv0rzJLQZqAqyUHapSaNN6G5gKg9i1g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

A few Reminders...

Odd Socks Day - We are very proud to say that we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day again this year. All your child needs to do is wear odd socks to school! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week. Odd socks day will be held on **Monday 15th November 2021**. No donation is required.

Flu Immunisation - Flu Vaccinations will be held on **18th November 2021**. Please find attached a letter from the Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation Team with a link to the electronic version of the flu vaccination consent form. The deadline for the completion of this form is **17:00 on 16 November 2021**.

Children In Need - On **Friday 19th November**, we will be supporting Children in Need, children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform. They can be dressed in any theme - Pudsey, spotty, yellow or whatever you feel is appropriate. You are welcome to send in a voluntary cash donation if you wish, anything raised will be sent to the charity to help them continue the fantastic work they do for children all over the UK.

Year 2 - Junior school admissions for September 2022 - Parents of all current Year 2 children need to make a formal application to the Council for a junior school (Year 3 place). Parents can apply via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. The junior admission round opens on **Monday 8 November 2021**, for parents of children to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2022. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**. From 8 November 2021, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions where you can also find information regarding the application process.

What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION

15+

Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, *Squid Game*. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what *Squid Game* is all about.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that *Squid Game* contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "*Squid Game*" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like *Squid Game*.

VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, *Squid Game* has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the *Squid Game* trend, creating content such as "How to Draw *Squid Game* Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating. Block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen *Squid Game*, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing *Squid Game*" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch *Squid Game*, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

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