



First Class

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Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

Our vision for Kinellar School is to create a community where everyone is challenged, motivated and inspired to reach their highest potential as lifelong learners and global citizens.

At our Assemblies this term we have been thinking about our Vision for Kinellar School and if we were wearing our Vision Goggles – what Kinellar School would look like if we were achieving this. Please ask your child about this.

KSPC Unicef Advent Calendars

This year to help us reflect during Advent on how fortunate we are and to support those less fortunate around the world, the Parent Council have purchased a Unicef Advent Calendar for each class.

With this Advent Calendar each class will reveal a daily surprise that will help protect children in danger around the world. Behind each window pupils will find one of Unicef's Inspired Gifts, including a blanket to keep children safe and warm, school supplies to help children learn and vaccines to protect children from deadly diseases.

Our hope is that pupils will enjoy seeing how as a school we are helping children each day right up to Christmas Eve. We would like to thank the Parent Council for supporting this venture. Each day we will post what has been behind the window. We would love for you to engage with your child about this and for it to be something the whole School Community feels a part of in the run up to Christmas.

VSA Giving Tree

P5T are running the Giving Tree this year. They will be send out more information to you in the coming days.

Master Classes



Our next block of Master Classes, skills for Learning, Life and Work, will be starting after the Christmas holidays.

These sessions support skill development and progression. Master Classes run from 2.15-3.00pm each Wednesday. We were delighted to have a parent run a Modern Pentathlon Master Class for pupils in the Orange area this term. We would love to see parents sharing their skills with our pupils. If you have a skill you would like to share or would just like some more information about Master Classes please contact [Katie Finch](#).

Online Safety

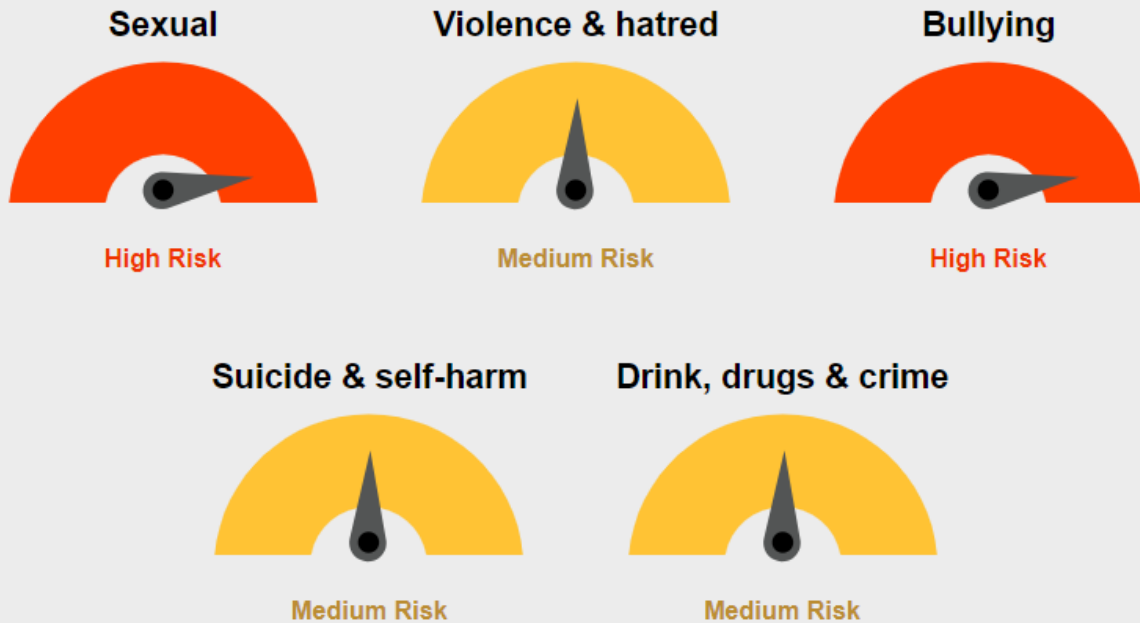
It has come to our attention that many of our pupils have access to Instagram, WhatsApp and other Apps on their phones. The recommended minimum age for [Instagram](#), [SnapChat](#) and [Facebook](#) is 13 years old and for [WhatsApp](#) it is 16 years old.

If you would like more information about these apps and the minimum age requirements please click on the relevant apps.

The information below is taken from the NSPCC page share aware.

Is content on Instagram suitable for children and young people?

We asked parents and young people about the types of inappropriate content they've seen on Instagram. The level of risk is based on the % of respondents who reported seeing these types of content. The ratings are: Low Risk (less than 5% of respondents); Medium Risk (between 5 and 25%); and High Risk (over 25%, or more than one in four).



Is content on Facebook & Messenger suitable for children and young people?

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Medium Risk

Violence & hatred



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Bullying



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Suicide & self-harm



Low Risk

Drink, drugs & crime



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Is content on Snapchat suitable for children and young people?

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Baby News



Mrs Paterson had a baby girl called Hannah Michelle Paterson. She was born on 9th October.



Mrs Andrew also had a baby girl called Rachel Grace Andrew. She was born on the 24th September.

Dates for Diary

Thurs 29 Nov	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Mon 3 Dec	Elf Shelf begins
	M & M Productions Panto
	P5/4 Parent / Teacher Meetings
Tues 4 Dec	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Fri 7 Dec	KSPC Christmas Disco
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Mon 17 Dec	Nativity Afternoon Performance
Tues 18 Dec	Nativity Morning Performance
Thurs 20 Dec	End of Term Assembly
Fri 21 Dec	End of Term

Recognition of Achievements

In Kinellar School we value achievement. We are delighted to see how many pupils want to share their achievements with us this session.

These have included swimming medals, football awards, horse riding, the park run and hip hop.

Well done to everyone included and to those who have not brought their awards and achievements to our attention. We are so proud of all you do in and out of school.



Pupil Pick Up

If you are running late to pick up your child can you please call the school as soon as possible to let them know you will be late or that you have asked another parent to collect your child for you.

Absences

If you are leaving a message to say your child will be absent from school, please clearly state their **name, class** and **reason** for absence.

Good Morning from SMT

Now that we have settled into the school we have decided each day we are going to try and have a member of SMT at the gate to welcome the pupils to school. This has been a Kinellar tradition and we are looking forward to greeting you all at the gate.

Wet Weather

If you are able please can you provide your child with an activity book e.g. colouring, wordsearch, puzzles or a drawing pad for wet weather breaks.

Report Feedback

Discussing your report with your child is a vital part of the reporting process. Please ensure that you complete the report feedback sheet and return it to your class teacher.

Recognition of Charity Work



We would like to recognise Aimee Greenwood in P5T. In the past few years some of Aimee's family friends have been diagnosed with cancer. Aimee decided she would like save money to donate to a cancer charity. She has been saving money gifted to her by her grandparents, money she had saved in her bank and did jobs around the house. In the October holidays she donated all she had saved to Anchor. Well done Aimee.

Family Learning at Kinellar

We will shortly be launching our new Family Learning program 'Tea Talks'. This will start with informal workshops for parents of children in the 0-5 age group. If successful, we aim to roll it out across the school next session.

Look out for more information coming soon!



Twitter

To keep up-to-date with all that is going on in school, please follow us on [twitter](#). Next week P7A and P2/1 will be doing a Twitter take over.

Who to Contact?

In the event that you have a question or concern, you should contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They are the people who know your child best in school and will be able to resolve most issues which arise. If you feel that your concern has still not been resolved then you should contact the appropriate Depute Head Teacher; Mrs Stannard Nursery, Miss Morrison P1 – P3 or Miss Finch P4-7.



We work very closely as a management team and all issues which arise within school are shared with Mrs Farquhar, the Head teacher. If you feel you need to meet with her, please make an appointment via the office.

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Update from Parent Council

December is here and it's packed with lots of excitement for the Kinellar School Parent Council. You will have received your orders of the commemorate tea towels with the children's self-portraits, we hope you love these as much as we do. These will make lovely Christmas presents and keepsakes for years to come. We received a whopping 680 orders which made a fantastic profit of £1643.

Elf shelf is happening on the 3rd-6th of December, all the children love this event and the excitement of doing their own Christmas shopping for loved ones. This year we have some exciting new decorations and cool new presents to buy.

The last of our festive celebrations will be the Christmas disco on the 7th of December. Discos are always guaranteed to have a great turn out and it's a fun time for the children to get their glad rags on and dance the night away!

On behalf of everyone at the KSPC we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.