

12th January 2024



Caston News



Dates for your Diary:

19th February - 23rd February - Half Term
5th March - Parents Evening
7th March - World Book Day
14th March - Parents Evening
27th March - End of Term
15th April - Back to School - Summer Term
6th May - Bank Holiday
27th May - 31st May - Half term
19th July - End of Term - Summer Holidays
4th September - Back to School

Weekly Attendance

As a School - 96.93%

Fry Class - 90%

Nelson Class - 98.8%

Carter Class - 98.26%

Cavell Class - 94.12%

Congratulations to Nelson Class for having the best attendance figures this week.

Online Safety Guide

Attached to this newsletter is an online safety guide.

This handy guide is designed to help parents with setting up parental controls on new devices so that they can make sure that their children are safe online.

Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play sessions will restart on Monday 15th January from 1.50 - 2.50pm. There is no charge to attend but a contribution towards drinks is appreciated.

A flyer is attached.

Parking

Please could we remind all parents/carers to be mindful of where they park. We have had complaints that staff have been blocked in to the staff carpark by cars either blocking the entrance or parking in the carpark. Staff cars need to be able to leave site throughout the school day.

Pupil Success Out of School

We love to give children an extra pat on the back! Please do let us know if your child does something outside of school that we can celebrate in Assembly or the newsletter - maybe they've taken part in a performance? Passed a grading in music or sport? Become patrol leader at Cubs? Please drop the office an email (even better if you've got a photo)!

Every Day Counts

Attached is a flyer regarding Norfolk County Council's Supporting Good School Attendance Campaign.

For more information contact the office or go to:

justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

After School Clubs

Premier Sport will be running Dodgeball as our after school club starting on 11th January. Flyer is attached giving you more information and details on how to book a place.

Friends Meeting

Reminder that the Friends of Caston AGM will be held on the 18th January at 8.15 pm.

A zoom invite link will be available from the office in the new year

Behaviour Policy

As a school we have been working on a new behaviour policy. Currently staff are being trained in this new policy. The policy is based on the work of Paul Dix an educational behaviour specialist who is held in high regard by those in education and in educational policy. Before we roll the policy out and start using it in school we would welcome the thoughts of our parents on the new policy. If you would be interested in reviewing the new policy before we begin using it please get in touch.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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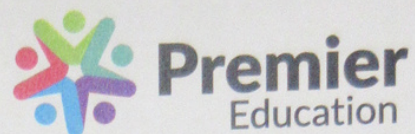
Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

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You are invited...

to Premier Education's
extracurricular dodgeball!



Here's what's on near you...

After School Dodgeball Club At: Caston CofE Primary School
Date: W/c 8th January - W/e 16th February

Day: Thursday
Times: 15:20 - 16:20

Price: £27.00 - Just £4.50 per session
Class: Reception - Yr6

To discover the activities available and to book today, visit
premier-education.com