



Newsletter

17th November 23

CLASS 1 & 2 PRODUCTION:

CHRISTMAS WITH THE ALIENS!

Tickets will go on sale on MONDAY via Eduspot for this year's nativity performance of **Christmas with the Aliens**.

Tuesday 12th Dec: Afternoon performance, 2:00pm. School hall.
Wednesday 13th Dec: Evening performance, 6:00pm. School hall.

In the interests of fairness, tickets will be limited to two per family (not per child) for each performance (4 in total). Please choose tickets carefully on Eduspot via 'Shop items'. The children participating, do not need a ticket.

Audience tickets are per person as we need to account for every person in our school hall due to safety requirements. This includes any 'babes in arms'. Our KS2 pupils will have the opportunity to watch the performance at school in a dress rehearsal. Class teachers will send home further details over the next few weeks regarding costumes, songs and evening drop-off arrangements.

E-SAFETY: SMART TVs



We regularly attach information posters to our newsletters from National Online Safety. This week's is about Smart TVs. It is a helpful guide that outlines how to avoid some common smart TV hazards, so that you can relax a little when your children do. Please see below.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your splendid 'spotty' efforts today! Thanks to your kind donations, we have raised £88.20 for Children in Need. We will share some photos on Google Classroom/Tapestry. The proceeds from our sale of Remembrance poppies and items has also been sent off to the Royal British Legion and we will let you know how much was raised when we receive the final figure.

UNIFORM

At Friezland, we pride ourselves on our 'Friezland green' and want our children to be proud to wear the logo. Please could we ask that parents check that uniform (including jewellery and nail varnish etc) adheres to our policy, which is attached for your reference.



We also have lots of requests for missing items at the end of the day. Please put children's names into all their clothes (including coats) so that we can ensure they make their way back to their rightful owners! Thank you.

FROSTIES BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

Please help the Frosties staff by booking children into Frosties in advance and communicating with us, as soon as possible, if any bookings need to be cancelled. Thank you.

EASY FUNDRAISING APP

Dare we ask...who's started their Christmas shopping?! Please consider buying through 'Easy Fundraising' this year...your shopping costs exactly the same, you can still buy from your favourite retailers but school can benefit too! Click the link to find out more: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-friezland>



Thanks to the amazing work of Friends of Friezland, and the engagement of all our families in our fundraising events, this year's visiting theatre show at Christmas will be paid for by Friends of Friezland funds. The children will enjoy watching "*The Greatest Fairytale Ever Told*" on 19th December at no additional cost to families. Thank you!

VISITS AND EVENTS



It has been another busy and exciting week couple of weeks for Friezland pupils. All classes have been discussing Anti-Bullying and, as part of that, Year 6 pupils were visited by our Saddleworth PCSO, Wayne Turley, to receive messages around knife-crime awareness and how to tackle peer pressure. Year 5 pupils completed their Bikeability training, learning how to cycle safely on the roads in our local area, and the children of Class 3 have been on a trip to the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Oldham for their R.E. topic.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



November

20th Class 4 Visit Chester Zoo

24th FoF Chocolate Tombola Collection (wear school uniform as usual)

30th Class 1 & 2 Friends of Friezland Tumbles party

December

2nd Santa Dash – Team Friezland – Uppermill

8th Christmas Concert at Friezland Church 9.30 – 10.30

12th Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2pm (book on Eduspot)

13th Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 6pm (book on Eduspot)

19th Visiting Theatre Show

20th Christmas Jumpers & Christmas Lunch

21st **Last day of term:** Friends of Friezland Tuck Shop 3.15pm-shelter

January

8th **First day of term**

12th Y6 Kingswood payment due



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Help us raise **FREE** donations
when you do your Christmas
online shopping.



You **Shop**. 4,300 sites will **Donate** to us. For **Free**.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

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