



WEST LYNN PRIMARY SCHOOL

12th November 2021

Christmas Disco Tickets Now on Sale!

Thursday 16th December

EYFS and KS1 4 - 5pm

KS2 5.15 - 6.15pm

Please pay on Parentpay

**£2 per ticket - all children will
receive a sweet cone and a drink!**



Full diary on website.

Next week

Don't forget for those that have tickets - the Friends Cinema Club will be on Friday 3rd December at 4pm until 6pm- we will see you there!



A huge thank you to Mrs. Scott and the round table for arranging this amazing visit with Pudsey. I know how much the children enjoyed the visit, not to mention the staff who were thoroughly overexcited! All of the Reception Children were thrilled by how tall and fluffy he was when they had a cuddle!



Congratulations you raised £111! Thank you

Christmas Parties!

Once again this year, to keep in line with Covid guidelines we will hold our Christmas parties in the classrooms and instead of asking for donations of food request donations of money to be paid on Parentpay. We will then purchase our party food directly from the supermarket and ensure it is prepared in line with guidance.

The payment is now available on parentpay, please could you make the payment by 6th December at the latest. The parties will be held in the week beginning 13th December, the exact dates will be given to you in due course. Thank you for your continued support!



DIARY DATES

Date	Who does this apply to?	What is the event?
3rd December	Ticket Holders	Friends Cinema Club
7.12.2021	Year 4	Romans invading Clenchwarton
9.12.2021	Whole School	Friends Panto
10.12.2021	Whole School	Flu Vaccination
13.12.2021	Reception, Y1 & Y2	Nativity Performance 1.30pm
14.12.2021	Reception, Y1 & Y2	Nativity Performance 9.30am
14.12.2021	Reception, Y1 & Y2	Nativity Performance 4pm
16.12.2021	EVERYONE!	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Dinner Friends Christmas Disco!
17.12.2021	Whole School	Last day at school
4.01.2022	Whole	Welcome Back to School

Congratulations to this week's winners of the
Headteacher's awards:

From Reception Class

Hunter & Amelia

From Class 1

Riley & Lacie-Marie

From Class 2

Mila & Jovi

From Class 3

Cassie & Ciaran

From Class 4

Elsie & Armandas

From Class 5

Lacie & Laila

From Class 6

Alyssa-May & Ella

Miss Walder would like to
give a huge well done to all
of Class 4 for outstanding
behaviour on their school
trip this week





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 is 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 talking 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.

Meet Our Expert

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Sources: <https://www.netflix.com/uk/media/985563/squid-game>, <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-56848484>, <https://www.fox.com/uk/news/technology-56848484>, <https://www.fox.com/uk/news/technology-56848484>



Book now for Big Norfolk Festive Fun at Greyfriars Primary School – FREE Christmas holiday activity programme now open for bookings!

Premier Education are working this Christmas in partnership with Active Norfolk offering spaces on all of our Multi-Sports Holiday Camps! We're inviting you to sign up to our Free Summer programme of holiday activities for 5-11-year olds which is now open for bookings.

There are free places available for children and young people eligible for means-tested free school meals. Children will be able to access up to 2 days of free activity throughout the summer holidays, the sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Norfolk-by-Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.

Book today in 2 simple steps

1. Each school received an email with their unique HAF code which will then be distributed to their eligible families
2. Click the link below to register and sign up for your event, once booked you will be contacted asking to quote your HAF code.

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/734083/>

Venue Details

- Greyfriars Primary School
- Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st December
- 8.30am – 4.00pm
- 32 spaces available
- FREE lunch is included each day

Don't delay! The free holiday activities are likely to be popular and we really don't want you to miss out! **Securing a code does not guarantee a place on activities and places are booked on a first come first served basis.**

If you have any questions, please get in touch at mnelson@premier-education.com

We Look forward to seeing you this Christmas!

Best wishes
Premier Education

New Opportunity!