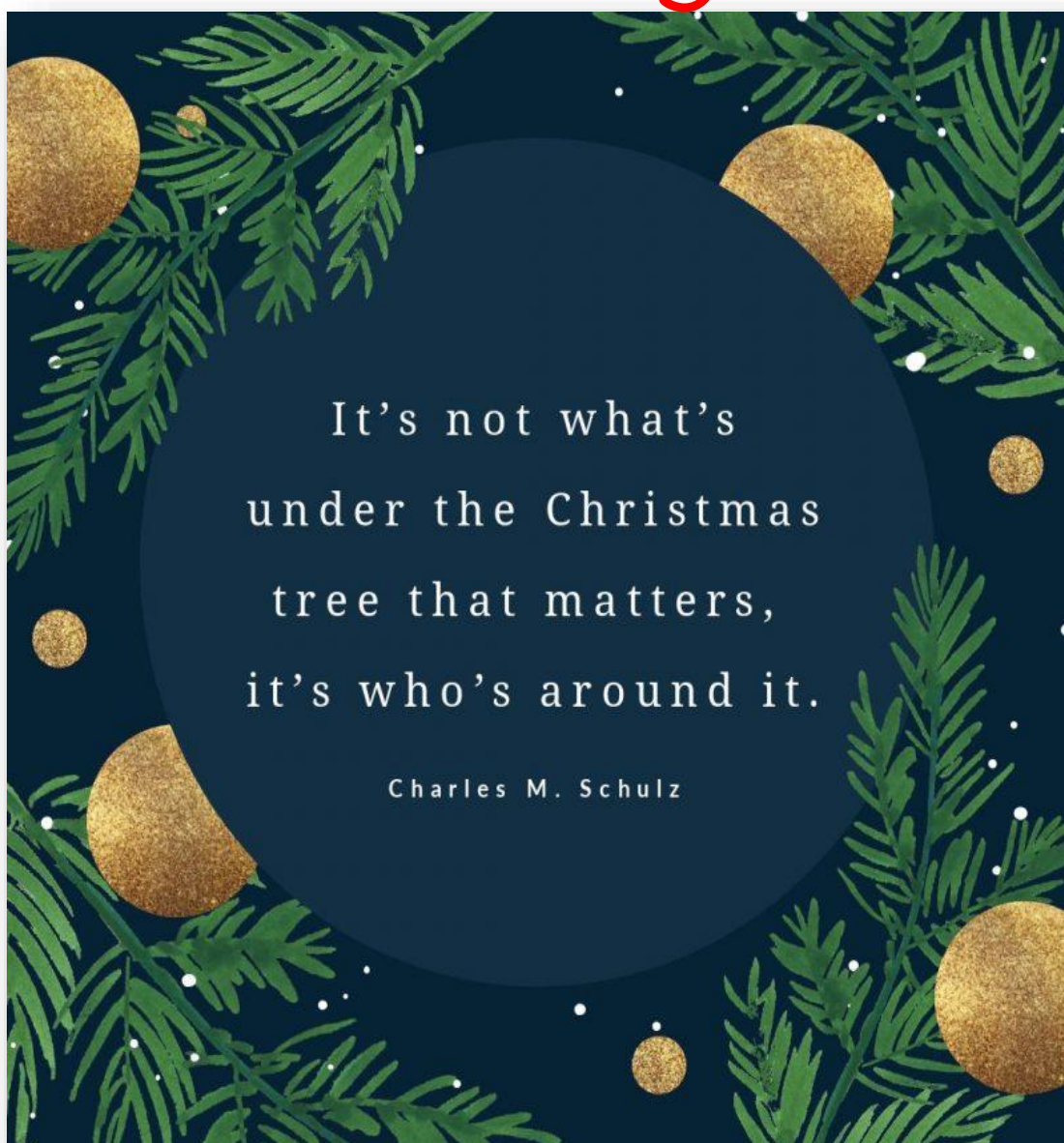




A Christmas

Message





Christmas message from Mrs Abdulla

Another year ends! We have reached the end of a long term and the whole school community are looking forward to a well-earned rest. We are all looking forward to Christmas and our whole staff team would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

How quickly the time does go! A very busy term has come smoothly to a close, with happiness and success from all. One of the highlights for me this year was the change of performances at the church. I was so impressed with the children's behaviour and the respect shown from the audience (Parents and families). It was a wonderful feeling, seeing the children perform with confidence and joy. Our aim was solely to spread some happiness, whilst reducing the stress that performances can cause for both children and staff. I am so proud of all the children in our school. These events enrich the curriculum and allow education to take place both inside and outside of the classroom. I believe that the atmosphere created by going to the church was the best. I hope to continue this tradition in the future. The children's enthusiasm and joy at this time of year is what makes it all worthwhile. The joy and happiness shared at this time of year is overwhelming and it is the children who make this possible. They are the best gift you could ask for. Cherish them and treasure every moment. I am very proud of them ALL.



We have also been enjoying our Tomte theme over the last two weeks, children have taken their Tomte on a journey through a winter themed story. They have produced some amazing work. Every class has written a story book about Tomte's journey through winter within the context of a storybook, these are on display around school.

We have achieved so much this term, and the teachers take on all new initiatives with enthusiasm and passion. We have implemented a new maths programme, 'Number sense'. This is to ensure that all children are secure with number facts and multiplication facts. We have also implemented a new writing model, ensuring that children develop their writing stamina and are consistently using grammar, punctuation, and accurate spelling in their writing. The new approaches in literacy and maths are to ensure all children reach their potential and are well equipped for the next part of their learning journey.



Everyone enjoyed the Christmas theatre performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' it was the best performance to date. The children were laughing, singing, and dancing along. Seeing the excitement on their faces was recognition that this was entertaining. We have secured them for next year.

Geography and History have been a focus for improvement across the school and we have very detailed long-term plans to ensure that essential knowledge and skills are developed across the year groups. I have talked to children in year 3, 4 and 6 about the Stone age to Iron age and Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The knowledge the children have from these periods in History was exceptional. They had remembered a great deal of detail and understood the content of these periods in time. I am looking forward to developing the music offer in the Spring term and we are looking to purchase recorders for all children in Keystage 2 as part of our music curriculum. We will also be implementing Musician/Composer of the month for every year group. This will feature on the Friday newsletter.



My greatest thanks go to the children for their hard work, motivation, and enthusiasm. They are all so very special! The behaviour and maturity of our children has improved greatly this term and the respect they show towards adults and each other is certainly improving. I feel privileged and proud to be the headteacher at Teagues Bridge.

I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at Teagues Bridge Primary School for their continued commitment to the children of the school during the year. Teagues Bridge is a great team, and we have a family ethos.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the parents, and carers. Without your continued support we could not achieve the standards we set. The school operates best with your positivity and commitment, ensuring your



children arrive on time and ready to learn. Many thanks to those parents who have worked hard to improve the punctuality and attendance of your children.

Teagues Bridge is a forward-thinking place to learn and grow. We all are working together to do the best for the children, they are always at the forefront of our decisions. Every child is unique and special.

On behalf of everybody, we wish you, your family, and the children a stress-free and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. I pray for and wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes and families during this holiday season.

See you back in school on the 9th January 2024.

From Mrs S. Abdulla and the team at Teagues Bridge with heart felt wishes.



A small gift from Reverend Debbie from
Wombridge Parish.

Reverend Debbie has sent over a small bell for
each child.

This is to remind the children to believe in the
value of hope.

Whenever the bell rings there is always hope of
happiness.

Each child will be given a bell to bring home for
the holidays.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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 is 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 to 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

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Hot Chocolate Friday!

Today we held our Hot Chocolate Friday! The children joined Mrs Abdulla and Mrs Woods for a hot chocolate and biscuits. Both children were nominated for being respectful. Well done to them and we look forward to seeing who will be nominated next week!



Well done to Michal and Dominic!

