



Oulton News

News from Oulton First School

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Autumn 2: Friday 8th December 2023

Christian Value: Koinonia

[Koinonia - home learning resources](#)

Weekly Attendance

C1: 98.6% C2: 96.9% C3: 99.3%

Whole school: 98.22%

Dear Parents,

We are edging closer to all of our Christmas festivities and the staff and children are beginning to get excited. All classes have had their dress rehearsals and the singing is sounding amazing. If you could have your last practice of lines with your children at the weekend that would be really helpful as some children are still unsure of their lines and/ or when to come in.

PTFA News

This year the teachers have created an Amazon Wishlist. Rather than buying teacher Christmas gifts they have kindly requested if you instead purchase an item for your child's class. If this could be wrapped and taken into school by Friday 15th December. Children will then be able to open these gifts for each class and enjoy using them as additional resources to their learning. We thank you in advance.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1QGSB9Y661R8K?ref=wl_share

Family Christmas Party

Our annual family Christmas party is at Oulton Village Hall on **Friday 15th December 6-7.30pm**. Tickets are only available via ParentPay- NO CASH payments to the office please. Prices are £2 a ticket or a family ticket for £8. Tickets **can** be purchased on the door on the night. Ladybirds and younger children are free. Mrs Elliott will administer tickets once payment has been confirmed on ParentPay.

We are also pleased to announce that choir will be singing at this event.

Just a reminder, please could you bring in your raffle tickets by Tuesday 12th December.

Donations for the raffle

Any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. These can be given to the school office.

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All clubs will be finishing next week.

Forms questionnaires

Just a reminder that forms need to be completed for the Christmas events. Mrs Elliott has sent email reminders but some are still outstanding.

Christmas Lunch on 19th December <https://forms.office.com/e/Df3wnWS45d>

Christmas crafts on 20th December <https://forms.office.com/e/wpEAWYKs85>

Packed lunches after the panto on 21st Dec <https://forms.office.com/e/rTwSwzSrvJ>

Reception and Middle School Applications

The online application process for Reception and middle schools will open on 1st November and can be accessed following this link [Staffordshire Online Admissions](#)

Age ratings on games

Some children have been talking to teachers about computer games that they play at home with their parents.

We would like to remind parents that computer games have age ratings and these are set for a reason.

Please refer to attached sheets for more details on age ratings.

What are age ratings?

Age ratings help parents or carers decide whether a particular game is suitable for their children. The ratings do this by indicating the minimum age at which we think a child should be allowed to play a game. The age ratings for games are 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18.



Age ratings do not indicate whether a child will enjoy a particular game and they don't indicate how difficult a game is to play. Instead, they let you know whether a game contains certain elements, such as violence, sex, drugs or bad language, that might be harmful, upsetting, disturbing or just unsuitable for children below that age.

It's worth noting that, even if a game is rated at the lowest classification of 3, it may still not appeal to young children and/or may be very challenging and complicated to play. It simply won't contain any content that is harmful to, or unsuitable for, young children.

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

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

U	PG	12	12A	15	18	R18
Universal, suitable for all ages	Parental Guidance required	Suitable for people aged 12 and over	Suitable for people aged 12 and over, accompanied by an adult	Suitable for people aged 15 and over	Suitable for people aged 18 and over	Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

3	7	12	16	18
www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

Violence	Sex	Drugs	Alcohol	Language	Discrimination	Violence	Sex

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

Source: www.pegi.info

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter: @natonlinesafety Facebook: /NationalOnlineSafety

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Please see diary dates below.

Diary Dates:

These dates are correct at the time of print but may be subject to change in which case we will inform you as soon as possible.

Autumn Term 1 (06.11.23 - 22.12.23)

08.12.23	Advent Concert @ St John's Church (7-8pm)
12.12.23	Class 3 Christmas production (9.30am - refreshments from 9am)
13.12.23	Class 1 Christmas production (9.30am - refreshments from 9am)
14.12.23	Class 2 Christmas production (9.30am - refreshments from 9am)
14.12.23	Choir - Gardeners Society (2pm)
18.12.23	Choir - Advent window (11am)
19.12.23	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
20.12.23	Christmas Crafts (C1: 9-10am, C2: 10.30-11.30, C3: 2-3pm)
21.12.23	Beauty and the Beast @ The Gatehouse (Yr-Y4)
22.12.23	Christmas Service at St John's Church (2pm)
	End of Autumn term

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