

Houghton Regis

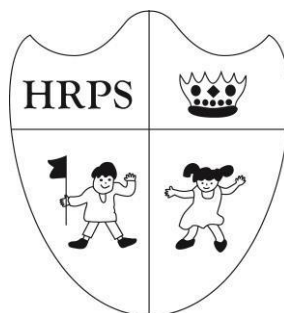
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Dear Parents/Carers

Star Awards

Well done to our pupils who have been awarded star awards this week.

Class	Pupil	Learning Friend
Silver	Scarlett-Mae	Izzy Independence
Platinum Nursery	Conor	Colin Curiosity
Gold	Noah	Izzy Independence
	Lily	Izzy Independence
Platinum Reception	Levi	Chloe Communication
	Qasim	Colin Curiosity
Orange	Charlie	Danny Determination
	Adrianna	Izzy Independence
Green	Zakariya	Izzy Independence
	Iyla	Izzy Independence
	Theo	Danny Determination
	Ines	Colin Curiosity
Purple	Francesca	Danny Determination
	Maksym	Danny Determination
Yellow	Jess	Danny Determination
	Noemie	Colin Curiosity
Blue	Dylan	Izzy Independence
	Aleksandra	Izzy Independence
Red	Chloe D	Danny Determination
	Elliot	Izzy Independence
Amber	Simba	Danny Determination
	Betsy	Izzy Independence
Emerald	Khalam	Izzy Independence
	Jaela	Chloe Communication
Sapphire	Iuan	Colin Curiosity
	Archie	Danny Determination
	Isabelle	Izzy Independence

Netflix series Squid Games

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you to be vigilant after hearing reports that children and young people are copying games and violence from the hit new **Netflix series Squid Game**, which is rated 15. The Local Authority has brought this issue to the attention of all Headteacher's in Central Bedfordshire.

For your information, Squid Game is a Korean drama series on Netflix that has become one of the most popular topics on the internet for its unique plot. The show mimics children's games; however, it ends with participants being violently killed if they lose.

There have been some concerning reports recently about children and young people 'playing' Squid Game whilst at school. Squid Game is also being viewed via other platforms such as YouTube and Tik-Tok, and given the popularity of the games in the show, developers have made various mini-games based on Squid Game on Roblox and other gaming platforms.

We strongly advise that children should not watch squid games, the show is quite **graphic with a lot of violent content**.

Please also see some information on setting **parental settings on Netflix** – <https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/stream-safe-netflix>

Please also read this blog: <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/10/08/squid-game/>

There have been multiple online challenges appearing following the **SQUID GAME** show release and signpost to a resource for parents that should help them address the issues of these viral challenges with their children: https://inege.com/2021/08/04/online-viral-challenges/?utm_content=182459278&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&hss_channel=tw-939101937588371456

Please continue to be vigilant about what your child(ren) is/are accessing and make sure the content is appropriate. Parental controls are available on apps/websites and can help keep children safe.

For further guidance and support to help you to keep your child safe on-line please look at the following websites:

- <http://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>
- <https://safeguardinghub.co.uk/protecting-children-from-harmful-content-on-television-guide-and-resources/>
- <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Thank you to all parents for taking this matter seriously. To further support parents with internet safety, I attach a newsletter from Herts for Learning designed to support parents in this area.

Parent/Carers Consultation Evenings

If you have not already signed up for an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please either complete the form outside the classrooms or email: office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk.

School Grid

Each child has an account on School Grid, if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing your account please contact the school office, who will be able to assist you. Can we please remind you that meals must be ordered before 9.30am, to ensure that your child has their preferred option. You can order meals up to three weeks in advance.

We have an exciting new Winter menu starting after half term, with the cold weather creeping upon us, it may be a good time to encourage your child to have one of the various hot meal options available. The menu will be published on the school's website

Data Collection

Each year we update the information we hold on the schools' management information system. Data collection information sheets will be available at parents evening for you to update. It is important that we hold up to date contact details and accurate information. Please ensure that we have a minimum of two contacts, especially for use in the event of an emergency.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Yours sincerely

J Edwards

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