



# Newsletter – WC 20th November 2023

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**A massive St John's well done to all our Silverdale Stars this week.**

**Seb G – CURLEWS**

For showing independence and creativity when working on his story writing.

**Charlie Sc - BITTERNS**

For being an excellent role-model and always being ready to learn.

**Billy G - HARRIERS**

For a mature and sensible attitude in class.

He has been getting his head down, and working hard.

## Children in Need

Thank you for all your donations to this worthy cause. We raised £56.00. Thank you also to everyone who donated to the poppy appeal.

## Charity of the Year

We have had lots of discussion about this with school council. So far the ideas are...

**Growing Well**

**Alder Hey children's hospital**

**School**

**Riding for the Disabled.**

The children will have chance to vote on their preference next week.

## Friday Thought

Be joyful always. —1 Thessalonians 5:16

## Class Blogs



It's Harriers' class this week! Please [click](#) on the link to gain an insight into what the children have been learning in class. Please also check out our school [Facebook](#) page.

## Farewell Angela

Angela has been at Silverdale St John's for just over 22 years. She is such an intrinsic part of school life and school family. All the children love her, as do the staff. On a personal note, Angela has made my start to life at school, such a wonderful one. She is so encouraging and kind and has even made me my supper on a couple of occasions, when she can see I'm tiring! An awesome lady.. We are having a special assembly for Angela next Friday. If any parents would like to make a donation, please hand it in to the office, by the end of today. Please also join us in saying 'goodbye'. Angela won't want a fuss, but please do make a fuss! She deserves it.

## Movie Night

We are looking forward to seeing as many children as possible tonight to watch 'The Christmas Chronicles 2'. It starts at 6pm. Children need to bring an empty drinks bottle. Snacks and juice will be provided. Tickets cost £3 each, and £2 each for siblings. Tickets are available from the school office

## Christmas Bingo

There will be Christmas Bingo at Silverdale Hotel on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. All proceeds to go to the school playground project.

## Christmas Market

**WE STILL NEED OUTDOOR LIGHTS AND CHOCOLATES FOR THE TOMBOLA!**

Please see email from Catherine Bargh with all information, and contact details if you would like to help at all. We still need help with...

Setting up

Managing the games

Selling raffle tickets

## Attendance

From 16.11.23 – 23.11.23

Curlews = 88.3%

Bitterns = 88.6%

Harriers = 88.8%



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## Christmas Creative Craft Evening

Thanks to all that helped with the Christmas Creative crafts evening on Wednesday. It was a good turn out, and lots of lovely decorations and 'crafty things' were created by some of our mums and the children. Thanks to Catherine Bargh and Mia Croston for organising this.

## Workshops

Thanks to all those who attended the phonics workshop on Tuesday. Resources for this can be found [here](#). Year 6 parents can enjoy an information evening with Miss Jackson on Tuesday at 15:30 in Harriers' class.

## Elf Run

Thanks to Michelle for sharing lots of information about this very worthy cause, this morning. The children are bringing home sponsor forms for the Elf Run today. You can make a donation or sponsor per lap. The Elf Run will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the morning from 10:30.

All welcome to come and watch.  
Mince pies available.

## Pantomime – The Grand Theatre

We got there in the end! Thank you for being patient. We couldn't get a coach initially for this trip, as they were all booked out.

Hence, researching trains.  
That option quickly didn't feel viable. Lots of parents came forward offering to support us with transport (thank you so much to those that did) Thankfully, we have now got a solution. Travellers' choice coach hire have had a cancellation and have given us a discount for a return journey.

Phew!

## Next week...

27.11.23 – Early Reading training TAs afternoon  
Class teachers after school  
28.11.23 – Miss Sanderson PE Conference  
28.11.23 – Year 6 SATs workshop 15:30  
29.11.23 – Phonics observations across school  
29.11.23 – Last swimming session Y1/2  
30.11.23 – Teaching and Learning consultant in Bitterns class  
30.11.23 – Miss Jackson at Archbishop Hutton PS  
30.11.23 – Angela's last day  
01.12.23 – Assembly to celebrate Angela  
01.12.23 – Mrs Tetchner training  
01.12.23 – Christmas Markets start 17:00 at Silverdale Hotel. [Click here for online diary](#)

## Church News

St John's church is holding a 'toy service' on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, and is asking families to bring a brand-new toy in a gift bag (unwrapped). To help you decide what gift to buy, from November 26<sup>th</sup> in St John's Church there will be a tree with stars. On each star there will be a type of gift and the age range.

## Lunches

Week 2 WC 27.11.23

## Sporting opportunities

Well done to some of our Reception Year 1 and Year 2 children. They were 4 in the Multiskills tournament on Tuesday at Carnforth High School

## Primary/Nursery Admissions

Has your child turned 3 this term? We have spaces available in Nursery starting after Christmas. Please come and have a look around our wonderful provision or contact the office for a booking form. The application process for primary school places for September 2024 is now open. Tours are still available during the school day, please ring to book. To apply use this online form, please [click here](#). Primary applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024..



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a separate box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself. These can be great fun and offer a range of services, such as Netflix, or be controlled by smart appliances and other smart devices, such as smart TVs. However, smart TVs are also connected to the internet, which means they can be used to access a range of services, such as Netflix, or be controlled by smart appliances and other smart devices, such as smart TVs. However, smart TVs are also connected to the internet, which means they can be used to access a range of services, such as Netflix, or be controlled by smart appliances and other smart devices, such as smart TVs.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

When it's time to turn on the TV, 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 smart TV, your child could find themselves being exposed to strong and explicit content, such as strong language and violence.

### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

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

### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like every other device, smart TVs feature digital purchases. Buying a new app or a virtual rental of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card (or isn't restricted by spending controls on the card), they could run up a sizable bill through a smart TV app, especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

### UNCONVINING SECURITY

An internet of things (IoT) device, smart TVs can be regularly vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security protocols, so you won't always be able to download strong malware protection for your smart TV as a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be messy, so make sure you're keeping your smart TV up to date, as well as putting your personal smart TV.

### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs do not collect data on your viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information. While these features are convenient, it's worth noting that some smart TVs are also capable of recording your viewing habits, so you may be able to use this information to target advertising. Some smart TVs also have a feature called "voice search" which could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for video streaming, social media and live streaming. All of which could allow your child to contact you (and for vice versa). If your child engages with these features on the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially use it to obtain their home address, 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 use of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. Use this time to 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 providers such as BBC iPlayer to just for services like Netflix. When it comes to apps, you can create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of their 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 at least it's usually heavily used and supervised while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

### Meet Our Expert

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An insight to a week  
in the life of...



**Silverdale St John's**  
CofE Primary School & Nursery

