

Dear Parents and carers,

Not long now, the countdown to Christmas at Eastfield is very much in full swing! Only a week and half until the Christmas break and everyone is feeling the festive feelings throughout the school.

The Nursery and Reception teams did a marvellous job on their Nativity productions this week. For so many of these children, it was their first time performing to an audience and they did so well. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

As I mentioned in my previous Newsletter, throughout our productions this year, we would like to collect voluntary money donations towards "Safe Haven for Caitlin".

Caitlin is a Cambridgeshire girl, who two years ago was diagnosed with Batten's Disease. This is a degenerative disease of which there is currently no cure. Fundraising for Caitlin and her family will enable them to much make alterations to their home to allow safe and functional living space as well as provide the whole family with opportunities to make as many memories as possible before Caitlin's condition deteriorates further. More information on Safe Haven for Caitlin and her condition can be [found here](#).



If you are in a position to do so, donations to this charity and cause can be made through the [Schoolgateway](#) and by clicking "Safe Haven for Caitlin". We will keep this link live for the remainder of this academic year and transfer the final funds, after all productions have taken place across school have taken place.

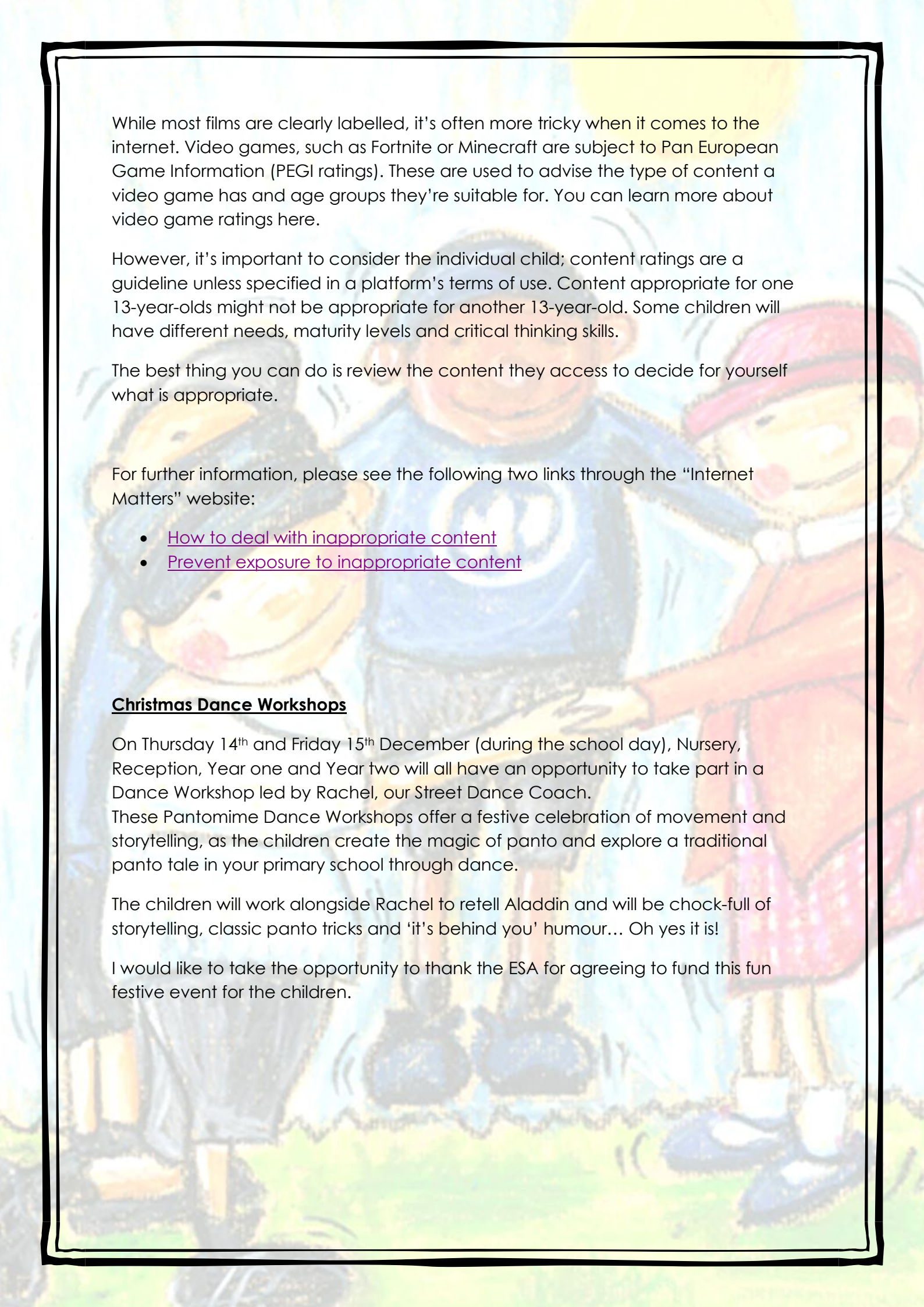
Online Safety – What Parents Need to Know About Age-Inappropriate Content

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various way – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos.

Research tells us, as children become more active online, it's more likely that they'll see something inappropriate. This could include content such as violent videos, adult jokes or suggestive imagery. They can come across this content on social media, in video games, through streamed media and more. Moreover, accessing platforms or content unsuitable for their age can leave them open to this content.

As such, it's important for children to use platforms appropriate for their age as well as their maturity and development. Not every child aged 13+ is ready for social media, for instance.

In many cases, a child might not tell anyone about what they've seen. For example, 21% of children report seeing violent content online but only 14% of parents reported the same for their child.

A colorful illustration of three children in winter clothing. The child in the center is wearing a blue jacket with a white circular logo and a black hat. The child on the left is wearing a black hat and a blue jacket. The child on the right is wearing a red hat and a red jacket. They are all smiling and appear to be in a festive or outdoor setting.

While most films are clearly labelled, it's often more tricky when it comes to the internet. Video games, such as Fortnite or Minecraft are subject to Pan European Game Information (PEGI ratings). These are used to advise the type of content a video game has and age groups they're suitable for. You can learn more about video game ratings here.

However, it's important to consider the individual child; content ratings are a guideline unless specified in a platform's terms of use. Content appropriate for one 13-year-olds might not be appropriate for another 13-year-old. Some children will have different needs, maturity levels and critical thinking skills.

The best thing you can do is review the content they access to decide for yourself what is appropriate.

For further information, please see the following two links through the "Internet Matters" website:

- [How to deal with inappropriate content](#)
- [Prevent exposure to inappropriate content](#)

Christmas Dance Workshops

On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December (during the school day), Nursery, Reception, Year one and Year two will all have an opportunity to take part in a Dance Workshop led by Rachel, our Street Dance Coach. These Pantomime Dance Workshops offer a festive celebration of movement and storytelling, as the children create the magic of panto and explore a traditional panto tale in your primary school through dance.

The children will work alongside Rachel to retell Aladdin and will be chock-full of storytelling, classic panto tricks and 'it's behind you' humour... Oh yes it is!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the ESA for agreeing to fund this fun festive event for the children.

ESA Film Night reminder

Straight after school on the Monday 18th December (please note change of date) we would like to invite the children to stay in school to have a film night. Reception will have the opportunity to watch the following film in Rabbit Class whilst Year one and Year two will join together to watch the following film in the school hall. Popcorn and drink will be supplied too.

Reception	Year One & Year Two
	
Holiday Classics Rated U	The Grinch Rated U

If your child wishes to take part in this after school ESA event, we request a donation of £3 per child made payable through the [Schoolgateway](#) entitled "ESA Film Night".

Deadline to book this is Thursday 15th December

Children can then be collected from the following locations at 5pm

Reception – Rabbit Class

Year 1 – Owl Class

Year 2 – School Hall (from the courtyard)

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday 15th December. There is no need to book this dinner option in advance. Here is the menu for our Christmas dinner and a snapshot of what it will look like on the day. Due to this day being Christmas Dinner- the usual Friday menu item of fish fingers will be on Thursday 14th instead.

Roast Turkey
Pigs in blankets
Stuffing ball
Gravy
(Halal and Vegetarian options will be available)

Mashed potato, roast potatoes, carrots & peas

Christmas Ice-cream
Christmas biscuit
Rice crispy treat

Please note: Children with dairy eat all aspects of the main and will be provided with the cream or a dairy free Christmas



allergies will be able to Christmas dinner options choice of dairy free ice biscuit for their pudding.

Christmas party lunch

To coincide with our afternoon of Christmas parties, on Wednesday 20th December, the school dinner option will be "Party food". Here is the menu of what will be offered to the children on this day.

There is no need to book this dinner option in advance. All children who require a dairy free lunch option will also be catered for.

- Cheese & Ham wrap
- Cheese wrap
- Tuna wrap
- *****
- Cheese straw
- Sausage Roll
- (Halal and Vegetarian options will be available)*
- *****
- Crisps
- Cucumber & Carrot sticks
- *****
- Iced sponge
- Christmas biscuits
- Jelly
- Fruit pots

Christmas parties



The children will be taking part in their class Christmas parties on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th December and are welcome to come to school dressed for the occasion. We will not be asking parent/carers to make contributions to party food, as the children will have the option of a party food lunch on this day (please see above). We're all looking forward to a school wide afternoon of festive fun!

Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil Premium represents additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil considered to be disadvantaged.

Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low income families having low attainment by age 16. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

If you are receiving any of the eligible benefits listed below, you can apply for free school meals and allow your school to receive the Pupil Premium funding.

Additionally, as part of the school registration process and our yearly data checks, you will also have the option to sign up for pupil premium.

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1 April 2018)

If you feel you could/should be in a position for your child to be receiving this additional support then please click the following button to apply

[Apply for Pupil Premium/free school meals](#)

Education Inclusion Family Adviser Newsletter

Please [click here](#) for the latest Newsletter from our Early Intervention Family Adviser, Katie Smith.

St Ives Library

Attached are some events occurring at the local St Ives Library in the lead up to Christmas.

[Winter Mini Reading Challenge](#)

[Card and Calendar craft session](#)

[Snowy Storytime and craft session](#)

LA Academy swimming lessons

LA Academy have some new swimming lesson spaces opening up from January 2024.

They are a private swim school, with their most local pool to St Ives being in Wyton.

Please [click here](#) for more information on available swimming lessons and contact details.

Important dates for your diaries

- Monday 11th December – Carol Concert (5pm) (KS1 only- Fully Booked).
- Friday 15th December – Christmas Dinner.
- Monday 18th December - ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm) – **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**
- Wednesday 20th December – Party Lunch
Christmas Party afternoon
- Thursday 21st December to Friday 5th January – Christmas Holiday break.
- Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2023 – Inset training days (school closed).
- Monday 8th January – Start of Spring term. (please note Nursery will be closed this day as staff will be doing home visits for new children)
- Tuesday 9th January- Nursery re-opens
- Thursday 11th January – Nursery and Reception Reading Café
at 9am in the school hall.
- Tuesday 23rd January – Year 1 Maths Café at 2:30pm in the school hall
- Tuesday 30th January – Year 2 Maths Café at 2:30pm in the school hall
- Friday 2nd February – NSPCC Number Day
- Friday 2nd February – ESA Rock 'n' Roll Bingo event (save the date)

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- Tuesday 6th February 2023 – Safer Internet Day
 - Wednesday 7th February 2023 - Raccoon Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am)
 - Thursday 8th February 2023 – Otter Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am)
 - Monday 12th February – ESA Film Night 3:15 – 5pm
 - Wednesday 14th February – Squirrel Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am)
 - Thursday 15th February – Rabbit Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am)
 - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February – Half Term
 - Thursday 29th February 2023 – Nursery and Reception Maths Café at 9am in the school hall.
 - Week commencing 4th March 2023 – World Book Week
 - 5th March = Travelling book fair arrives for a week
 - 7th March = World Book Day (dress up theme TBC)
 - Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th March – Parent/Carer evenings
 - Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
 - Week commencing 18th March – Science Week (more information to follow)
 - Monday 18th March – ESA film night 3:15 – 5pm
 - Tuesday 19th March – Reception Stay and Learn Maths session at 2:30pm
 - Friday 22nd March – ESA Sip & Paint event (save the date)
 - Tuesday 26th March – Y1 Production (2:15pm)
 - Wednesday 27th March – Y1 Production (9:15am)
 - Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring Term
 - Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April – Easter Break
 - Monday 15th April – Start of Summer Term

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

