

# UPDATE



WB: Monday 16th December 2019

Just in case we get a snowy start to the new year, please keep a note of the procedures in case of school closures:

## Snow Closures



In the event of bad weather (or any other situation where the school may be forced to close), please use the following to find out if the school will be open —

1. We will send a text to those registered to receive messages as soon as we have any information. This is obviously signal dependent, so please also check using these other systems.
2. Look at the Devon County Council school closures website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure>. This site has details of schools that are closed for any reason, together with any transport information regarding school buses. It does rely on somebody updating the information, so please keep checking as it takes time to update all the sources.
3. Listen to Radio Devon (94.8 FM or 801 MW) who will announce school closures as they receive the information.
4. Please be aware that the school are not always informed of any transport issues, so do look at the DCC website above or contact the provider direct:

Blakes Coaches - 01398 341160

### Weekly Achiever

*Class 1: Poppy*

*Class 2: Summer*

*Class 3: Danny*

*Class 4: Willow-May*

### House Cup Goes to Sapphire



**Ruby** 1387

**Amber** 1436

**Sapphire** 1569

**Emerald** 1563



Thank you for all your support throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us all at Bishops Nympton School!

See you all on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020** for the start of the new term!

#### FUTURE DATES & EVENTS

These are subject to change and additions, so please keep checking

December  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

Last day of Term

January 2020

Website: [www.bishopsnympton-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.bishopsnympton-primary.devon.sch.uk) - Email: [bishopsnympton@exmoorlink.org](mailto:bishopsnympton@exmoorlink.org)

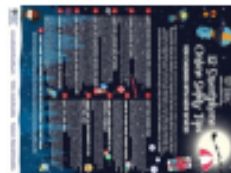
School Blog: [www.bishopsnympton.edublogs.org](http://www.bishopsnympton.edublogs.org)



## Welcome to the December 2019 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

### Smartphone Safety Tips

- Buying a new Smartphone for your child for Christmas? Visit [National Online Safety's](#) website and check their 12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips which include:
- Always secure the phone with a password
  - Disable location settings
  - Limit Screen time
  - Think of others when taking photos
  - Always use a secure WiFi network
  - Set up parental controls
- Find out more [here](#)



### Games Consoles

- Looking for advice on the best games consoles? Today's consoles offer more realism, interactivity, and flexibility than ever before. With Christmas approaching you may be asking the question: Which console is best for your family's needs?
- Check Commonsense Media's advice [here](#):
- Families with young children: Nintendo Switch/Switch Lite
  - Tweens and families: Microsoft Xbox One S and Sony PS4
- Advice includes:
- Recommended games
  - Parental controls
- Visit Commonsense media for reviews on Games, Films, Books, Websites and Apps [here](#)

### Need help to understand gambling-like risks in games?

- During the holidays, many children will enjoy immersing themselves in games - and likely to get new games for Christmas. Many games include 'loot boxes' which can introduce children to gambling-like behaviours.
- The [Gambling or Gambling resource pack](#) from Parent Zone and GambleAware is full of information and expert advice that parents, carers and professionals can use to help children be safer and have fun over the Winter months.
- Review a short video and find out more [here](#), including:
- Top Tips
  - Glossary
  - Quiz
  - FAQs



### Learning Differences and Special Needs Guide

- Commonsense Media's Guide offers well-designed apps, recommended and tested by field experts. Apps are arranged by challenge area and difficulty level:
- Communication
  - Social Interaction
  - Organisation
  - Reading and Writing
  - Maths
  - Motor Skills
- Each challenge area includes an informational overview, help for choosing appropriate apps and resources [here](#).



### Advice from Internet Matters

- Whatever their age, Internet Matters can help you to find out more about what children might be doing online, providing practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent/carer to keep them safe in their digital world.
- Guides for 0-5; 6-10; 11-13; 14+
  - Hubs: Social Media advice; Gaming advice; Online issues
  - Setting controls and much more available [here](#)
- Did you know there are 4 things to consider when buying a SMART Toy:
- Does the toy interact with your child and other devices?
  - Does the toy require your child's personal information?
  - Does it have a camera?
  - Does it require a monthly subscription to access new content?
- Find out more [here](#)



### Have you heard of Meetime?

- Recommended Age 13+**
- Meetime is a popular social network app where users can log on to meet new people.
- Read review by Commonsense Media [here](#).



### HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the O2 and NSPCC helpline 0800 800 5002  
Or visit any O2 Guru in an O2 store

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Harmonica Singers  
Presents



Harmonica Singers invite you to get into the Christmas Spirit by joining us for an evening of Christmas music and Traditional Carols.

We welcome you to join in (we like the support) and in appreciation of this, we invite you to Coffee and Mince Pies after the concert.

**When:** 18th December 2019 starting at 7.30pm

**Where:** Methodist Church, North Street, South Molton.

**Admission:** Free with retiring collection

Proceeds to South Molton  
Boys and Girls Brigades

A Thanksgiving and Unveiling of a Bust of  
Johnny Kingdom 1939 – 2018  
11.00am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
Bishops Nympton Village Hall



Unveiling by Julie Kingdom  
Singing of Carols

All welcome to Festive Refreshments in the Hall