

# New York Newsletter

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Dear Parent/s and Guardians,

## Safeguarding our children is a priority:

Unfortunately, the subject of age appropriate games has reared its ugly head. I apologise unreservedly to the vast majority of parents who strictly control what their children have access to. Yet again we have had parents, police and colleagues from other schools expressing concern regarding young children playing inappropriate video games, articles in the press and incidents of on-line grooming. Age restrictions on social media sites and on games and films are there for a reason, the children at New York and Frithville are not old enough to have access to games or films that have an 18 certificate because of the violent and sexual content. Children are deemed not old enough to use social media sites until they are 13. This is because children below the age of 13 are far more vulnerable to bullying and on-line grooming. This is also a particularly sensitive time of year, with new consoles and games being bought, especially if there are older siblings in the house



**Some of our children, as young as five, have told us that they watch horror movies, or movies with an 18 certificate, with an inappropriate sexual and violent content. They are playing games such as:**

- Call of Duty
- Grand Theft Auto
- Gears of War
- Assassin's Creed
- Sniper
- Dogs of War

**These games have an 18 certificate for a reason.**

Unbelievably, this is an extract of a conversation that I had this week:

**"I had to tell my child off for saying that he was going to kill his brother by jumping on his stomach until his eyes popped out!"**

Young children are very impressionable, and will copy and mimic what they see and what they hear, especially if it's something their parent/carer has given them... They think it is right. If children talk about these films and games with others in school, using inappropriate language and acting out scenes, then this is a school safeguarding issue... and will be dealt with in accordance with our Child Protection Policy. As parents, as staff, as members of the general public... safeguarding our children is a priority and the law...

## And on a more Positive note:

The Christmas card winners for this year are...

### Reception

Amelie Webb

### Year 2

Charlie Morgan

### Year 3

Amelia Behan

### Year 4

Felicity Foster

### Year 5

Felicity Webb

### Year 6

Kirstyn Bates

The overall winner is... **Seren Evans** (Please have a look on the back...)

## Sports Club Award Winner:

**Octavian Medina** - Perseverance and confidence with sports fitness training

### Headteacher Awards:

<b>Seren Evans</b>	Helping at swimming (instructor's request)
<b>Lacey Davis</b>	Fantastic phonics
<b>Ciaran Parnham</b>	Super writing
<b>William Ablewhite</b>	Wonderful letter formation
<b>Kaiden Sanders</b>	Creating independently
<b>Jacoby Ball</b>	Non-fiction work
<b>Liam Granby</b>	Helping to tidy away all the science equipment
<b>Felicity Foster</b>	Helping others in craft activity

### House Point Winners:

## The Yellow Diamonds!

### Stars of the week:

Class 1 – Sunny Birks/I sabella Place

Class 2 – Felicity Foster/Ben Bridges

### Shining Stars:

<b>Aeryn Martin</b>	Trying hard in all areas
<b>Liam Granby</b>	Improved handwriting and presentation
<b>Amelia Neman</b>	Progress in phonics
<b>Alfie Sidwells</b>	Trying hard in all areas
<b>James Potts</b>	Trying hard in all areas
<b>Theo Jackson</b>	Improved concentration
<b>Sam Nelson</b>	Independent writing
<b>Seren Evans</b>	Sensible, mature attitude
<b>Felicity Foster</b>	Improved concentration on her work

### Dates for your diary:

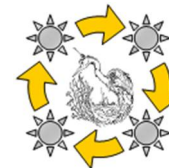
12/12/17	Christingle making – whole school
13/12/17	Christmas jumper day + Christmas lunch
13/12/17	Christmas craft afternoon – parents welcome!
14/12/17	Pantomime – Sam Newsom Centre – whole school
15/12/17	Christmas play performance 2.00 p.m.
18/12/17	Christmas play 2 <sup>nd</sup> performance 9.00 a.m.
19/12/17	Christmas Party & End of term



# The Frithville and New York Federation

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Designed by Seren Evans – Year 3

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