



Cronton C. E. Primary School
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Newsletter

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Our Christian Value for this half term is - Friendship

Dear Parents

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you: -

- for all the fabulous designs for the Be Bright Be Seen Safety Campaign. Winners will be announced as soon as possible.
- to all Year 5 parents/carers who came along to our Llandudno meeting on Tuesday. Information has gone out to parents who were unable to attend.
- to everyone who has supported our Poppy Appeal. We will advise the amount we raised later.
- for the kind donations of chocolates today for our Christmas Fair. Don't forget this is entirely voluntary. If your child does not wish to take part that is absolutely fine - they just come to school in their uniform. It really is no problem.
- to Paula and the team for our lovely Special lunch today marking the 100 year anniversary of the WWI Armistice.

Please follow our Twitter for photos of our special Remembrance worship yesterday.

A reminder that our Christmas Card competition closing date is next Friday - 16th November and if your child is entering our Christmas Cracker competition entries need to be brought into school on Friday 30th November.

Special Lunches

Friday 16th November to celebrate National School Meals Week we will be holding an Italian lunch (as chosen by the School Council). We will be serving cheese & tomato pizza / pasta with tomato & basil sauce or jacket potatoes. The pudding will be ice cream.

Athletics Report

On Monday a team from Years 5 & 6 took part in the qualifying rounds for the Knowsley Athletics Competition. The children did extremely well, winning many events meaning they finished first and qualified for the finals later this year. Thanks to parents for all the lifts, Mr Noblett.

Quidditch Report

This morning a team from Years 5 & 6 took part in the first Merseyside Quidditch Cup at Hope University. The team played really well, quickly understanding (more quickly than me anyway) this new (and complicated) game, based on the game in Harry Potter - minus the broomsticks! We won 2 matches and caught 2 Gold Snitches but unfortunately we didn't get quite enough points to qualify. All the children had a lot of fun, despite the cold. The event may just appear on local media and TV so keep a look out for it. Thank you to parents for lifts and support. Mrs Simm.

Rebound Dance

The show is on next Tuesday 13th November 2018 at St Helens Theatre Royal. Tickets can now be collected from the school office. The children will be going to the theatre during the afternoon for

their technical rehearsal, (they do not need their costume for this). Please ensure you have paid your coach fare via ParentPay.

Children should meet at 6:20pm at the theatre in their costumes. They should bring a drink with them. Costumes - blue jeans, brightly coloured t-shirt and black pumps or trainers if possible (dark if not).

Anti-Bullying Week

Our anti bullying week starts next week 12 - 16th November. During the week we will be looking at what makes us all special while celebrating our differences which make us unique. Each day we will be showing how different but the same we all are by asking the children to show their differences. On Monday 16th we are taking part in the national Odd Socks Day and ask the children to come into school wearing odd socks. Carrying on this theme of being different we are asking on Tuesday 17th the children wear a funny / odd tie and on Wednesday 18th we are holding a crazy hair day and on Thursday we will be drawing and colouring blue hands. Please note the children should still wear the rest of their school uniform apart from the Friday when it is non uniform day for our Christmas Fair.

Please note this is entirely voluntary and if your child does not wish to take part that is absolutely fine.

Head Lice

Can we please remind parents to check and treat their child's hair for any unwanted visitors.

Class Worship / Year 5 Parent's Workshop

All class Worship start at 9:05am in the school hall. Parents from each class holding the Worship are invited to attend and stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. The next Worship by Year 5 will be held on Wednesday 21st November. After the assembly Kate from My Esteem will be leading a short workshop on children's resilience and how they can achieve far more with a high self esteem. This is for all parents.

Foodbank

Thank you for donations received for our reverse Advent Calendar supporting Foodbank. There is still time should you wish to participate. The object is that each day during November an item of non-perishable food, cash, and toiletries is donated into the Advent Box. At the end of November the Advent Box will be taken to the Foodbank to distribute among those who really need it - especially with Christmas looming so close.

Originally this was a staff only event but some parents asked if they can contribute and suggested we open this up to all parents who may like to donate an item. If you feel you would like to contribute to our box please bring your donations to the office. Food Bank sent us a suggested calendar (see the end of the newsletter) if you would like to send in an item, but all non perishable food items would be welcomed. Please remember this is entirely voluntary. Many thanks.

Celebrating our Patron Saints

Our team colours are linked to our 4 Patron Saints and the country they represent: Blue team will represent St Andrew (Scotland), Red will represent St George (England), Yellow will represent St David (Wales) and Green will represent St Patrick (Ireland).

On their Saint's Day the specific colour team can come into school wearing non uniform in their team colours. The first of these will be Blue Team representing St Andrew's Day. As we have our non-uniform day on Friday 30th November - the Blue Team can wear blue on Thursday 29th November.

Can You Help 1?

Do you have any good condition teddies / soft toys you wish to get rid of? We would be grateful if you would consider donation them for our Christmas Fair.

Can You Help 2?

We are asking for any type of gift bags. If you have any to spare, either used or new, we would be very grateful for them. Thank you

Swimming Gala

Our swimming team will be taking part in the Knowsley Swimming Gala on the afternoon on Monday 26th November. Letters will be sent soon.

Little Angels Club

If you have or look after a child who is 3 year old or under bring them along to our Little Angels Club held in our Nursery every Wednesday from 1:30 - 2:30pm, where they can enjoy exploring all areas of our nursery. Please see ask in Nursery for more details.

The Friends of Cronton

News - Our AGM will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 13th November in the school hall. All parents are invited to attend. School will be providing a crèche facility should you need to bring your children.

Up-coming Events - Save the Dates in November

Please note these are correct at the time of going to press and are subject to change. Also individual classes may have additional items.

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| <u>Sunday 11th</u> | - Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph |
| <u>Monday 12th</u> | - Start of Anti-Bullying Week - Monday is odd sock day, Tuesday is odd tie day, Wednesday is crazy hair day |
| <u>Friday 16th</u> | - Non uniform Day for new and unused tombola prizes - National School Meals Week special Italian lunch |
| <u>Wednesday 21st</u> | - Year 5 Class Worship |
| <u>Friday 23rd</u> | - Non uniform Day for unopened bottles |
| <u>Monday 26th</u> | - Swimming Gala |
| <u>Thursday 29th</u> | - St Andrew's day - blue team can wear blue non-uniform |
| <u>Friday 30th</u> | - Non uniform Day for cakes, DVDs, LPs, - no toys books or videos please - Christmas Fair 5:00 -7:00pm |

Nursery - 30 Hours Eligibility - Important Information

Every three months parents are required to reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours Tax-Free Childcare. If your details have not changed you only need to tick a box on your childcare service account to confirm your details have not changed. **If you don't reconfirm you may lose your 30-hour childcare provision.** Once you have reconfirmed your eligibility please complete the parental declaration again so that we know who has done it, and we can carry out our checks. You only need to complete the child's details, the details of who made the declaration and make sure you sign the form.

I would also like to inform parents that the small number of temporary codes that were given (beginning with '11') will expire approximately 3 months after they were issued. These parents should have been advised by the childcare services helpline that they will need to complete the full on-line application via the childcare service to continue to access a 30-hour place and also apply for Tax Free Childcare. Again failure to do so may result in losing the 30-hour childcare provision.

Reception Admissions - September 2019

Parents / carers must complete the application form from the council in which they live regardless of which school they wish to apply to. We recommend that parents apply on-line.

If you live in any other borough, i.e. Halton, you will need to contact that relevant council direct.

This means:

- **Knowsley Residents** - If you live in the borough of Knowsley you must only complete a Knowsley application form. You can apply direct online at www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference on the application form. If you complete a paper application form please return the application form to the school office.
- **Halton & other Borough Residents** - If you live in Halton or any other Borough to Knowsley you must only complete an application form and return it to your home Borough Council, or go online and complete a form there. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference. If you wish to apply for your child to attend this school please name our school in your list of preferences.

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**.

Dinner Money (£10:00 per week / £2:00 per day)

If you have lost your log in details please speak to Mrs Hooks in the school office. If you have any problems logging in to ParentPay, please click on the 'help & support' section on the main page of the website.

Lunches for the rest of this half term will cost £59 - 5 weeks at £10 plus 1 weeks at £9 for the special lunches. Thanks.

Please remember if your child wishes to stay for school lunch they must stay for the week; they are unable to alternate between school dinners and packed lunches in the same week.

Christmas (46 sleeps) - Christmas Fair - Friday 30th November 5:00-7:00pm.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our fair please speak to Miss Roberts, Mrs Jones, Mrs Allison, Mrs Felton or Mrs Clarke.

- **Non Uniform Days** - Thank you for all the generous donations of chocolate we received this morning. The next non-uniform day 'fines' are:

Friday 16th November new and unused Tombola Items

Friday 23rd November bottles- these can be anything from lemonade to ketchup to shampoo to Champagne (!) but please ensure they are unopened and in date.

Friday 30th November the day of the fair, the 'fine' will be cakes, games, Good condition LPs and DVDs (no videos, toys or books please).

For this non uniform day we are asking where possible if the children have any Christmas items; jumper, t-shirt, bobbles, socks, ties etc they wear them - only whatever they have, please do not buy anything especially. But please note appropriate footwear should be worn, no heels should be worn.

Please remember that these are **voluntary** donations and we ask that it is one per child or per family - the choice is yours. If your child does not wish to participate that is absolutely fine.

- **Christmas Card Competition** - how are our budding artists doing with their cards for our 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. There will be one winner from each area - Foundation Stage (Reception & Nursery), Infants, Lower Juniors (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Juniors (Years 5 & 6). These winning designs will be made into cards for our school to send out.

From these 4, one overall winning design will be used for the programme for the Ecumenical Carol Service. This child will also be invited as VIP guest at the Tree lighting Service in the village. The closing date for the competition is next Friday 16th November. Please make sure the children's design is within the lines and they only use crayons, pencils or paints. Do not use any other materials as we need

to photocopy the winning design. Although they look lovely, **we cannot choose any card that has things glued or glittered on.**

All entries should be handed into your child's class Teaching Assistant. Please make sure your child's name and class is on their entry. We really do want the children's work for this so please try to let them do the card themselves as far as possible.

- **Christmas Cracker Competition** - as usual we will be having our ever popular Christmas Cracker Competition. The children can make a cracker at home, and fill it with a gift worth £1. On the night of the Fair, we sell the crackers (often back to the children who made them!). We hold a competition with a prize for the winner of the most outstanding cracker from each class. Some children like to start their crackers over the half term holiday. So the children need to get their thinking caps on to see what ideas they can come up with. Again, we want the children's work for this so please try not to give any practical help. The crackers should only be brought in on the day of the Fair - Friday 30th November.

- **Prizes** - We are again looking for any kind donations for our Christmas Fair and the raffle from any local businesses. If you have or know someone that could possibly donate a prize especially from any local small company or business you could ask or persuade to be kind enough to donate a prize we would be most grateful. We will happily accept anything from a meal voucher to a Spa Day to a household service / car wash/ beauty treatment. Any business donating will receive free publicity on our website up until the fair. We will also happily advertise any donating businesses with their cards / leaflets on the night. We would be very grateful if you could please send any donations into school as soon as possible.

Additionally if you have any left-over party bag favours, unwanted Halloween treats or anything else that we could use for children's prizes we would be most grateful, thank you.

- **Stall Bookings** - We have started taking bookings from private businesses to have a stall at our Christmas Fair. If you would like to hire a stall please get a booking form from the school office as soon as possible or email the school and one can be emailed to you. Spaces cannot be reserved until a non refundable payment of £20 per table (reduced to £15 with a raffle prize donation up to the value of £5) has been received. Please note we cannot guarantee exclusivity for a certain type of stall. The private stalls will be mixed in with the school stalls. You can also advertise your business through cards / leaflets on the night.

- **Santa's Little Helpers** - We are looking for volunteers who could spare us some time to 'man' a stall for us, even if just for an hour we would be very grateful. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help us.

Online Safety

Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for a free 'conversation starter' for parents & carers about online safety. The guide includes 7 questions to get 'the conversation' going in relation to your child's internet usage. Engaging in regular, two-way communication with your child about online activities is a really important way of building trust and highlighting the dangers they are exposed to every day. More information can be found at the links below. Miss Bird

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1060140712686161927>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1914184988887682/?type=3&theater>

After School Clubs

All clubs finish at 4:20pm unless otherwise stated. Please ensure children are collected at this time unless you have notified school that they may walk home.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| <u>Fit and Fun</u> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available) | <u>Fit and Fun</u> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available) | <u>Choir</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3-6 (spaces available) | <u>Jujitsu</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 3-6 Limited places available | <u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 2 & 3 Limited places available |
| <u>Funjitsu</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 1 & 2 Limited places available | <u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5 Limited places available | | | |
| <u>Table Tennis Club</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 6 This club is FULL | | | | |

Ninja / Accelerated Readers

This week we had our first Yellow Belt Winners. Well done!

Our fabulous Reader Ninja winners this week are:

White Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Poppy Atkinson-Brown, Emily Fry, Harriet Gould, Robyn Bullen, Rachel Housley, Blythe Lyons, Olivia Bodell, Rosa Mullin, Rosie Probin

Year 2 - Theo Bolger, Anais Hayes, Sophie Johnson, Ava Reynolds, Ruby Jordan, James McGinty

Year 5 - Leila Parry, Ava Probin

Year 6 - Andrew Jenkins, Jack Regan, Matthew Sharkey, Jemma Needham

Well done everyone. Who will be our Ninja Reader Winners next week?

Yellow Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Theo Madigan, Sophie Denson, Oliver McWean, Owen McWean, Theodore Ross

Year 4 - Amelia Foxcroft

Year 5 - Alice Davies, Amy Rutter, Andrew MacLean, Ellie Burke

Year 6 - Lily Sheron

Star Badge Awards and Reader / Writer of the week

Well done to all the children who received Star Badge Awards or Reader / Writer of the Week. This week's winners are:

| CLASS | STAR BADGE WINNERS | | | READER / WRITER OF THE WEEK | |
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| Year 6 | Michael Almond | Daniel Cammish | Finley Gibbons | | |
| Year 5 | Sam Aney | Ella Greenhough | Elsa Williams | | |
| Year 4 | Jacob Kelly | Alice Blackham | Lottie Gore | | |
| Year 3 | Harry Forster | Louisa Mallouris | Katie Devin | | |
| Year 2 | Sophie Johnson | Jacob Millward | Esmee Shone | Anais Hayes | |
| Year 1 | Joseph Durr | Oliver McWean | | | |
| | Poppy Atkinson-Brown | | | | |
| Reception | Tom Roberts | Jake Thornton | Phoebe Forster | Freddie Davey | Jessica Durr |

Lunchtime Awards:

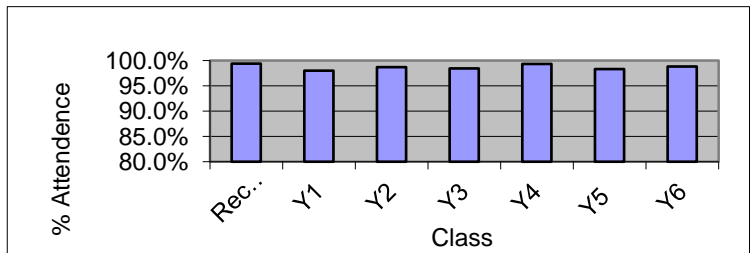
The winners from this week are:

Reception - Ava-Mae Hull
Year 1 - Oscar Ross
Year 2 - Cian Dimelow

Year 3 - Libby Burke
Year 4 - Kimberley Daintith
Year 5 - Eva Mallouris
Year 6 - Grace Walker-Reid

Attendance

Every week we will publish a chart of individual class attendance. The class with the highest attendance over the half term receives a reward. The winners for week ending 02/11/2018: 1st place - Reception with 99.4%, 2nd place - Year 4 with 99.3%, 3rd Year 6 with 98.8%. Well done everyone!



Please try to ensure your child is in school as much as is possible, unless of course they are ill. A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school you must ring school at 8:30am on the first morning they are absent, and this must be followed up with a letter explaining the absence on their return to school.

Church News

Every year a number of adults from Widnes are confirmed. If you are interested and would like to know more please phone the Parish Office. 0151 423 4311.

Services here at the Mission will be at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated below. Families are always welcome to come to church in the school on the dates listed below.

Services during November

11th - Joint Remembrance Service. We will meet at the Village Cenotaph at 10:30am followed by a short service here at the Mission

18th - Cafe Style

25th - Holy Communion

Lay Reader Lesley Wright is available each Monday afternoon between 1:00 - 4:00pm if you would like to meet with them. Any enquiries about Baptisms or Pastoral Care please contact the Administrator on 0151 423 4311.

Best Wishes
Mrs S Thomson
Headteacher



Cronton C. E. Primary School
Parental Comment Slip

I wish to make the following comment(s)

Signed: (Optional) _____ Date: _____

Cronton C. E. Primary School
Christmas Fair - 30th November 2018

Child's name: _____ Class _____

I will be able to help at the School Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November for the following

_____ Setting up from 3:30pm

_____ Helping on a stall 5 - 7pm

_____ Helping on a stall 5 - 6pm

_____ Helping on a stall 6 - 7pm

_____ Clearing away from 7:00pm

Parents Name: _____

Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR 2018



6TH NOV



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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Tinned Custard 6 | UHT Milk 7 | Tinned Soup 8 | £1 Donation | Tinned Carrots 10 |
| Savoury Biscuits 11 | Crisps 12 | Long-life Juice 13 | Tinned Ham 14 | Gravy Granules 15 |
| £1 Donation | Tinned Potatoes 17 | Coffee 18 | Tea 19 | Sponge Pudding 20 |
| Chocolate 21 | Tinned Fish 22 | £1 Donation | Packet Pasta 24 | Instant Mash 25 |
| Instant Soup 26 | Nuts 27 | Packet Rice 28 | Jam 29 | Any Tinned Food 30 |

30TH NOV

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1156100
REGISTERED IN ENGLAND & WALES



7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

How does this game/app work? Can I play?



SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION, TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

