

# Brant Broughton

Church of England Methodist

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Issue 09



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December's 'Christmas Concert' will begin in school at 8:50am. Families are warmly welcome to join us.

### Christingle

We will be in church for our Christingle Service on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (**1:30pm start**). Families are warmly invited to join us for our service together.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

| Student "A"                      | Student "B"                     | Student "C"                    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day | reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day | reads <b>1 minute</b> each day |
| 3600 minutes in a school year    | 900 minutes in a school year    | 180 minutes in a school year   |

1,800,000 words



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

282,000 words



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

8,000 words



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

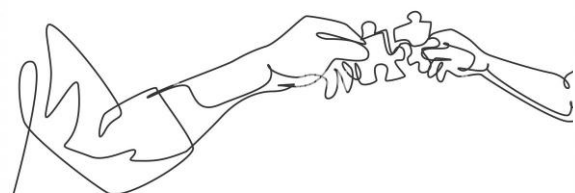
By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



I'm not sure how many Nativity productions I've seen over 21 years of teaching (and being a father of three, godfather of three and uncle to two), but they always fill me with joy, peace, hope and love... and with that thought, I'd like to leave you with a thought that is inspired by Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer: *He always knew he was a little different but he let his light shine regardless of what others said.* Let us be more Rudolph! Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Best wishes,  
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## Parent Governor Vacancy


Have you ever considered giving back to the community you live in?





At Brant Broughton C.E. Methodist Primary School, we're looking for a parent/carer who feels that by giving back they could have a positive impact on our school and community. We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor within our Governing Body.

The role of a Governor is simple: it can be described as **monitoring and evaluating the progress of the school**. This involves being curious, critical, and confident in asking questions. As a governor, you should be good at problem-solving, and prepared to give and take advice.

So what's required of the role?

 We meet twice a term (6 times a year) for approximately 2 hours for our Full Governing Body meeting and committee meeting

 As a governor, it's great to get into school at least once a month for a couple of hours to meet with the school team and observe school life in action

 Being curious and asking questions is key. Challenging the school to continually develop, enhance and grow the offer to our support our children's success is a priority

If this sounds interesting then please do get in touch:

 [enquiries@brant-broughton.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@brant-broughton.lincs.sch.uk)  01400 272035 **Deadline is: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

We are looking for individuals who have experience in Finance, Health and Safety or just a passion to support their local community and school. We'd love to gain some local support in our governor team.



## Religion Through Art



Year 5 and Year 6 have been looking at religion through art and created some art expressing themselves (their talents or favourite times in their lives).

# Setting Up Parental Controls On New Devices

## Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

### IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

### ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

### PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At [my.account.sony.com](http://my.account.sony.com), create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

### IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

### XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

### NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

### WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

### CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

### MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

### SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however; some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

### Meet Our Expert

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Do you know your children's password for their devices? How often do you check their devices? It's really important that children's devices are configured correctly for younger users. Thankfully, Internet Matters have a full guide to help parents navigate all the different features and settings. All information and guidance can be found [HERE](#).



iSingPOP are coming to Brant Broughton C of E Methodist Primary next week where the children will be involved in a singing and performing project.

The children will be learning and performing a number of special songs with actions.

For more information about the iSingPOP experience visit: <https://www.isingpop.org>

### The Performance

On Thursday 12th Dec 2024, there will be 2 concerts in school, where we can join together as a community to celebrate the children’s achievements. The first concert will begin at 2pm. The second concert will begin at 6pm. Please ensure you arrive no later than 15 minutes before to ensure a prompt start. Each concert will last under an hour. For families dropping off in the evening, please return to collect your child by 7pm. We’ll know an exact time after the first performance on Thursday afternoon.

As we’ve had to change the venue from church into the school hall because of the temperature, it means space is limited. We think we can squeeze 64 chairs in the hall! We ask for parents/carers to come to either the afternoon or evening performance. If you can make the afternoon performance, please do come to this one so that we can accommodate everyone wanting to enjoy & support the children’s performance.

Children are to wear school uniform for the first concert and are welcome to come to school for the evening performance in festive attire!

### Tickets

If you’re able to attend, please complete the slip coming home - offering two tickets per family - and indicate which performance & return it to school please.

### The Keep-Sakes

iSingPOP clothing and CDs can be purchased in advance of concert day by visiting [www.isingpop.org/shop](http://www.isingpop.org/shop) and following the instructions on screen. A CD or digital download is available to purchase on the website which includes the songs the children will be learning. Use code BRANTBROUGHTON24 to receive free delivery on your order, sent direct to the school.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



## Volunteers

On the note of positive partnerships, if any parents (or grandparents) have any time that they can give to school during the working week, we'd love to hear from you. There's lots to achieve and always opportunities for children to read to an adult: they do love it... and so do we. The love of reading is so important.

If you are able to share any spare time, please could you reach out to us.

## E-Safety: Roblox

Last week Roblox, the game used by 90 million people daily, announced some major updates which are available to users and parents. The rollout has already started and will be fully implemented by March 2025. These safety updates include:

- Limits to how children under 13 can communicate.
- Parental controls accessible from the parents phone rather from the child's device (remote management).

There's too much detail to include here so to see an explanation of all the new features visit the Roblox website [HERE](#). You can also see the full guide to Roblox parental controls on the Internet Matters website [HERE](#).

## Cyber Security For Parents

From financial scams, identity theft, using public WiFi and much more, cyber security is fundamental to all of our lives. Internet Matters have put together a number of articles and resources for parents and their children which go into these topics including:

- Creating secure accounts; Phishing and ransomware; Digital piracy; and much more. You can find all the resources [HERE](#).

## Useful Contacts

ChildLine: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 020 7340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC whistle blowing helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Family Services Directory: 0800 195 1635

[Lincolnshire] Social Services: 01522 782111

[Nottingham] Social Services: 0300 1310 300

Anxiety UK: 08444 775 774

If you are wishing to contact 'Healthy Minds' regarding suitability for referral into the service of a child or young person in your care, please contact the Here4You line on: 0800 234 6342.

Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111.

- Email: [lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk).
- Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.

Nottinghamshire (Newark Area)

- email: [info.nscb@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:info.nscb@nottsc.gov.uk)
- phone: 0300 500 8090

## Free School Meals

This is separate to Universal Infant Free School Meals for the children in EYFS, Y1 & Y2. If home circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, parents/carers need to follow this link: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal> - a quick survey to see if free school meals can be provided for you. It can also help to bring in to school extra funding.