



Friday Post

Friday 12th May 2023

Our School Value: Service

*God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other. **Peter 4:10***

Dear families,

Happy Friday!

We've had a busy day today with a visit from St Modwen construction. Bradley from their team in Stafford came to give us an insight into life in the construction industry. He had hard-hats and high-vis vests for us to try out and was impressed by the children's knowledge of building sites. Bradley was blown away by the homework projects and had a very difficult job selecting his winning designs. Well done to everyone who brought something in - my particular favourites were the ones with solar panels, and those with hot tubs!

On Monday we are looking forward to welcoming Alison from The YouthNet back into school. She will be setting up a 'Sacred Space' in our Outdoor Church for the morning. This will give the children chance to explore our over-arching school value of LOVE in a creative way. Don't forget to put Thursday 25th May in your diaries when we will be at church to celebrate this half-term's value of service.

This weekend sees Eurovision coming to the UK! Our Owls and Foxes learnt about this as part of their class worship time on Thursday morning when they considered the question: Do you think music has a positive impact on the world?

Whether you are watching Eurovision or not, have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Phillips

Our school hours from September 2023 will be 8.45am - 3.10pm (gates will open at 8.35am with Ark available from 8am until 5pm). **Please note** fees for Ark and Clubs will be reviewed by our LAC in July, any changes will commence in September 2023.

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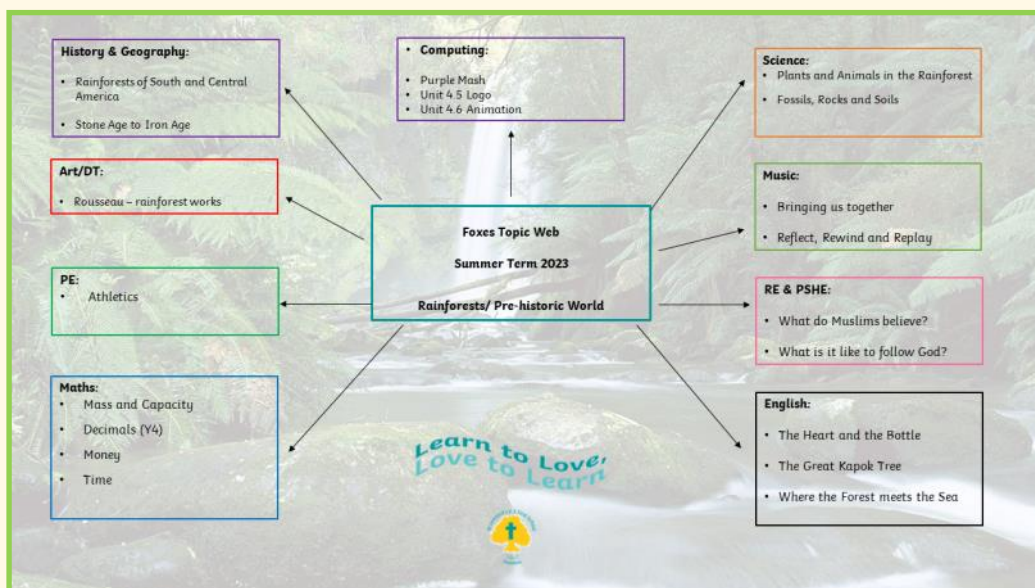
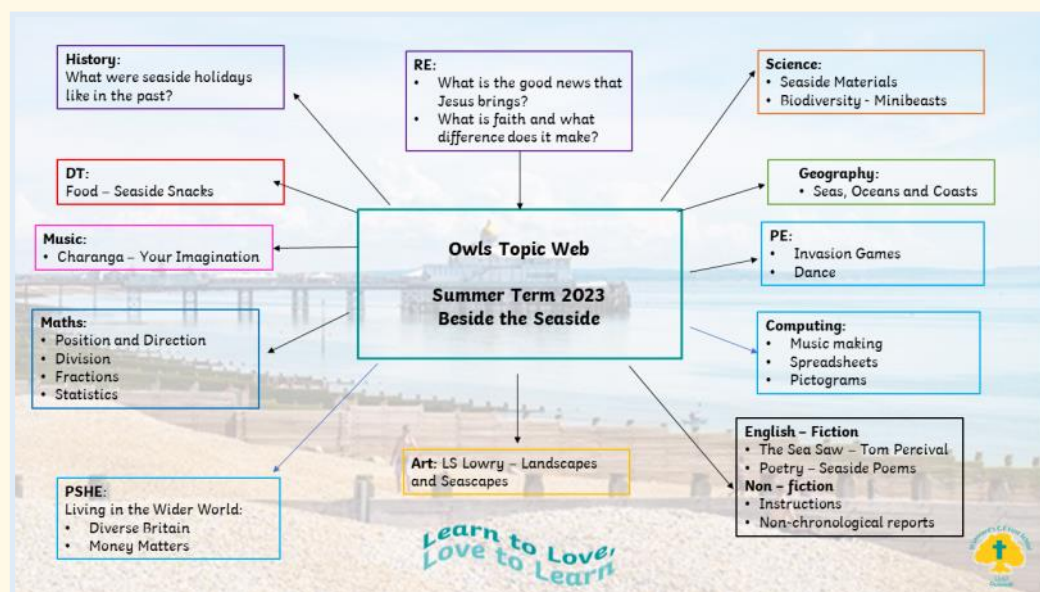
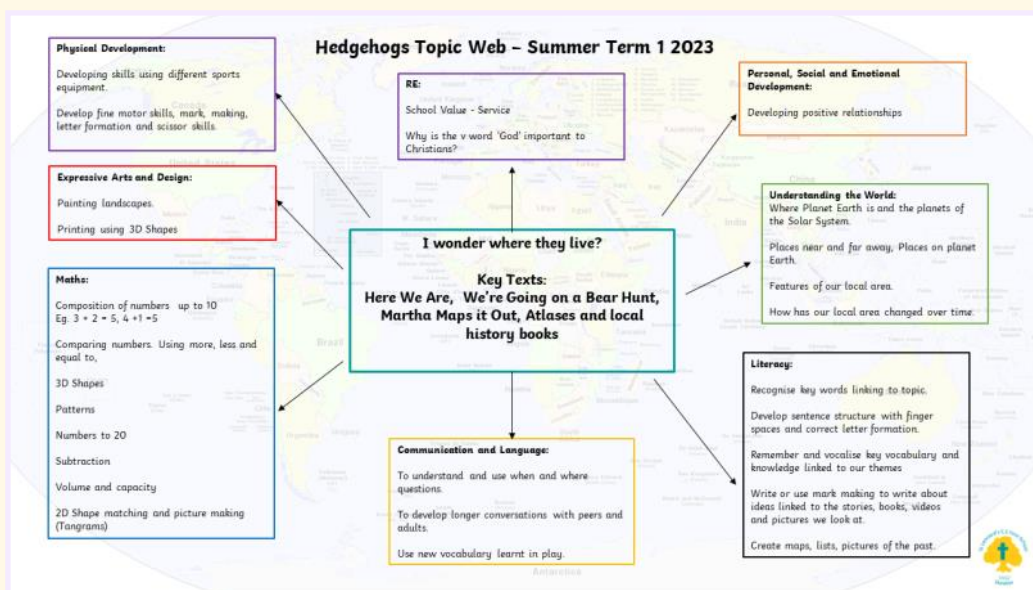
St Modwen Assembly



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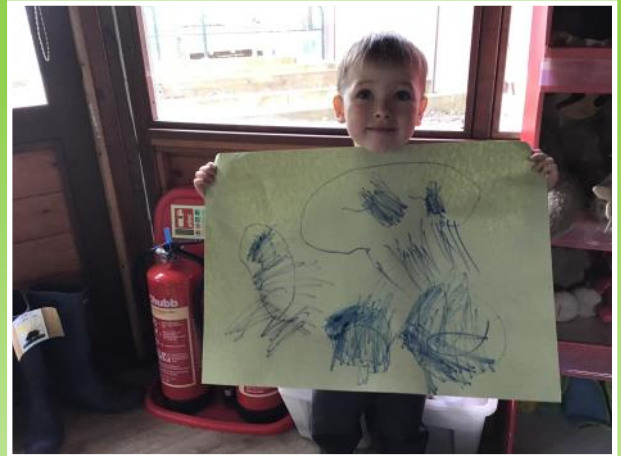
To find out more about your class curriculum, check out the website via the link below and go to the Curriculum tab:

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/>





Nursery have been designing their own map - they had trees, paths and a river.





The
Reading
Tree

Open Library

A reminder
that The
Reading Tree

will be open each Friday at
3pm for children and their
parent/carer to choose a book
to take home to read.

Sports Day / Summer Fayre - Thursday 29th June

We will be holding
our Sports Day on
Thursday 29th
June which parents
will be invited to. Afterwards
we will be holding a Summer
Fayre, if anyone would like to
have a stall during the
afternoon please let the office
know.



Timetable

12pm - 1pm: families are invited
to join us for our annual picnic.

1pm - 2pm: Sports' Day races!

2pm - 3pm: Summer Fair stalls
and activities in support of our
PTA.



Art Club - Cancelled 16th May

Please note there is NO Art Club on
Tuesday 16th May due to Mr Waters
being involved with other school
activities. Charges on ParentPay do
take these sessions into account.
Should you require After School Care
please book into the Ark for those
sessions, many thanks.

This week during worship we are learning:

'Give me oil in my lamp'

[Give me oil in my lamp | Christian Songs For Kids -
YouTube](#)



Please follow the link above to hear the music

Oh we do like to be
beside the seaside!



Class Owls are learning all about the seaside in their topic work and have also looked at some seascapes by the artist LS Lowry. They created these pictures by mixing different shades of blue and golden brown for the sea and sand.



Attendance figures

School Attendance 1st - 5th May 2023

Hedgehogs 94%

Whole School 90.1%

Owls 85%

The National target for attendance, as set out in guidance from the DFE is 95%

Foxes 93%



Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

83

Sycamore

71

Oak

38

Each week the team with the most tokens gains 3 leaves on their tree, 2nd gets 2 leaves and 3rd gets 1 leaf. At the end of the term the team with the most leaves will earn a reward.



Nursery have been exploring natural objects and discussing what they can see, smell and feel.





3D Shapes

Children in Reception
have been learning all
about 3D Shapes



REMINDER



Unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals lunches provided by our school kitchen for children in **Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4 are at a cost of £2:70 daily**. Please keep your ParentPay accounts topped up to cover this. Thank you for your co-operation.

1 meal per week - £2.70 5 meals per week - £13.50 6 week 1/2 term - £81.00

Please check to see if you could be eligible for Free School Meals by going to the County Council website:

[Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Year 2 parents PLEASE check now - as you will be charged for meals from September 2023.

Lunchtime Menu ~ 15/05/2023



	HOT SPECIALS...		DAILY FAVES...	PACKED LUNCH...	JACKET POTATOES...	PICK A PUDDI
MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Mixed Bean Pasta 🌱 🌱 🌱 Served with Tomato Pizza Bread	Tomato Pasta 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jam Sponge with Fruit Slices 🌱
TUESDAY	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne 🌱 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Tomato Pasta 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Banana and Apricot Flapjack served with Fresh Fruit 🌱
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Vegetable Pie 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Pasta 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Chocolate Ice Cream with Fruit Slices 🌱
THURSDAY	Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Masala 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Apple and Berry Crumble served with Custard 🌱 🌱 🌱
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Tomato Pasta 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Packed Lunch See below for details	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit Slices 🌱

PACKED LUNCH - AVAILABLE DAILY
HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL, VEGETABLES, FRESH FRUIT AND DESSERT OF THE DAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT

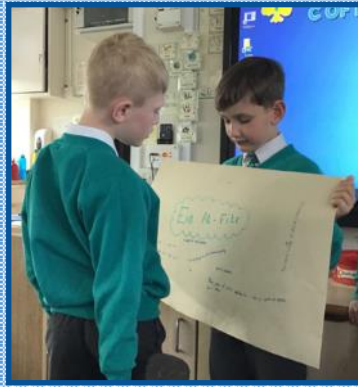
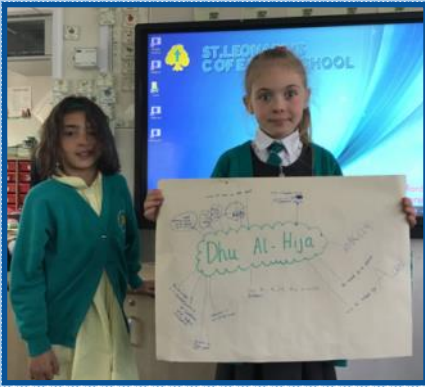
ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🌾 Wholegrain
🍓 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice 🌿 Halal Available

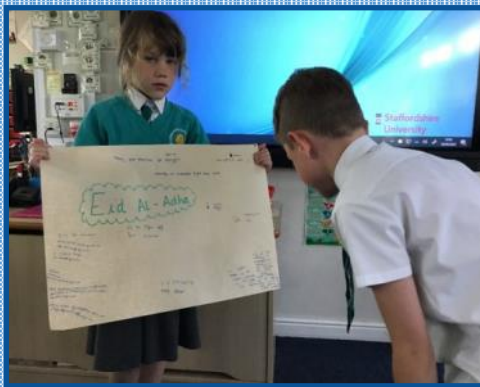


NO NUTS!

Please note do not send children to school with any items containing nuts due to children who have allergies. Thank you



In RE, Foxes have been looking at special festivals that people celebrate. Children worked in small groups to find out as much information as they could to share with the rest of the class.



In Science, we are exploring plants and animals in the rainforest. We were looking at a variety of plants that we recognise so we took a visit to our school pond to see some water lilies. They are a little smaller than the variety in the rainforest though!!



Stars of the Week



Last Week's Big Question: Where is the bottom of a hill?

Jakey - It begins where the ground starts

Alfie - it ends at the end of the water

Lola - it ends at the other end of the earth

Fran - it ends where the earth meets the water

BIG QUESTION

Who made the royal family royal?

To develop our philosophical thinking we will be asking a BIG question each week! As a family take time to discuss the question above! Miss Phillips will listen to the children's thoughts on this question during Worship on Friday.



Year 1 had an amazing forest school session this week - den making, scavenger hunts and making fire!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 16th May	NO ART CLUB - please book Ark if you require care
Thursday 25th May - approx 9:20am	Children in Church - parents welcome to join us
Friday 26th May	Inset Day - school closed to children
w/c 5th June (2 weeks)	Year 4 Multiplication checks
w/c 12th June	Year 1 Phonics screening checks
Friday 23rd June	Sports for Schools Athlete visit
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day & family picnic - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 5th July	Year 4 at Penkridge Middle School Transition Day
Friday 7th July 2023	Inset Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 25th July	Leavers Church Service
Tuesday 25th July	School closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Back to School!



On your child's day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing they do not mind getting dirty. Please also ensure they have wellies to change into, if they are not

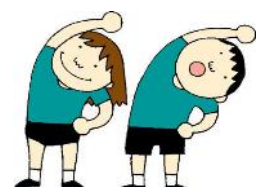
kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised because of the wet weather or sunhats and suncream applied before school for warmer days!

16/05/2023	HHogs - Reception
23/05/2023	HHogs - Nursery

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school, long hair tied back & earrings removed. Thank you for your co-operation

PE Timetable Summer 2023

Thursday - Owls & Foxes
Friday - Hedgehogs & Foxes



Get inspired this May and take part in Walk to School Week

Most pupils in Staffordshire live within walking distance of their school and could walk to school on a regular basis, but survey data shows us that not everyone does this. We appreciate that some pupils do live too far away to walk, so why not park further away and walk the last bit of your journey?

Walking to school has many benefits

- Children who walk to school are more alert and more attentive in the classroom than those who arrive in the car.
- Walking to and from school helps to keep children physically active, a 15-minute walk will provide your child with half of their recommended daily exercise.
- Walking to and from school is great for adults too.
- The walk to school can be used to help children develop the necessary road safety skills to help them stay safe when out and about and become independent travellers.
- It helps keep the local air clean and is a great way of helping to tackle climate change, we all need to do our bit!
- Children in cars are exposed to twice as much pollution as pedestrians, even travelling along the same road.
- It keeps the streets around your school free from congestion, making it much safer for everyone.
- Walking to school instead of driving saves a family, on average, 2400 per year!

Take part for a chance to win a prize

Share with us your Walk to School Week Story on social media by tagging @AirAwareStaffs into your posts and using the hashtag #INTOWalkingStaffs and you could win one of our spot prizes. At the end of the campaign, we will get in touch with winners to let them know. Please only share photos that you are happy for us to share too!

Ask your school for a copy of your 5/10-minute walk zone map. Every school in Staffordshire has one and it may help you to plan your journey more effectively.

Please visit our [website](http://www.airaware.org.uk) or email INTO@staffordshire.gov.uk

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May Half Term Holiday Sports

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June

8.30am- 5.30pm - £19 per day
10am-4pm - £16 per day



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy

The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, gymnastics, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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**To book a place please call or email:
07793891029 holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk**



Free workshop for parents of children who self-harm

Staffordshire Educational Psychology Service have worked in partnership with the Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to create four parental workshops that will be running across Staffordshire. These informal workshops will create a safe-space for parents to discuss self-harm. There will be a presentation that will focus on understanding why children self-harm and how adults can support them.

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 Castle House, Newcastle
1pm - 3pm, April 26th 2023

Staffordshire Place 1, Stafford
1pm - 3pm, May 24th 2023

East Staffordshire Children's
Centre, Burton
1pm - 3pm, 7th June 2023

Wolseley Centre, Rugeley
1pm - 3pm, 7th June 2023
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We only have limited spaces there fore if you are interested in attending please book a place by emailing:

jessica.hill@staffordshire.gov.uk



JOINING UP CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you the parent or carer of a young person who has health needs that mean they have appointments with, or visits from more than one health care professional, organisation or service?

Come and join us to play a game of 'Whose Shoes' so we can hear from your perspective on how we better join up care.

**WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023 AT STAFFORD RUGBY CLUB
ST16 2TT**

**WE WILL PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS FROM 9.30 FOR A 10AM
START.**

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WE WILL FINISH BY 2.30PM.



Scan the QR code or book [here](#)
or contact involvement@mpft.nhs.uk



10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

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