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**Focus on Winter Wellbeing**

The winter months are not everyone’s favourite time of year and with Covid happening too we hope this issue will have something to help brighten the days ahead.
November is #VegPledge month!

Try having a complete break from or cutting down your meat consumption for your family’s health, animal welfare, the climate or all three! You can also raise money for charity while you’re at it.

Bonfire Night

Sadly, most public displays in Essex are cancelled this year. But even if you don’t have garden space for your own family fire, you can still create your own Guy Fawkes night fun with apple bobbing and hot chocolate, firework crafting and how about watching your neighbours’ fireworks from your trampoline den!

And here are some mouthwatering bonfire night vegan recipe ideas to fit with #VegPledge.
Banish the winter blues

Shorter days can affect mood, but making the effort to wrap up and get out into nature helps, whether town park, local woodland or a walk on the beach. This has a direct physiological effect, improving mental and physical health in numerous ways including strengthening our immune systems.
Indoor activities

Whether or not you have a go at the #VegPledge, growing your own fresh nutritious food all year round is easy and children will love sprouting seeds in a jar for snacking on or cooking with. If you have a garden you could sow some broad bean seeds or plant garlic this month for harvest next year!

The Today's Parent website is packed with ideas to keep everyone from gamers to nature nuts happy. Here are some crafty pixelated masks, pickaxes and more ideas that Minecrafters will find hard to resist.
Please let us know what you would like to see in the next edition. How can we help you and your family?

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