

# Newsletter

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## Online Safety Workshops for parents

Thank you to all those parents who joined our Online Safety Workshops on Tuesday & Thursday mornings this week. Many thanks to Mr. Smith for leading them. Please do ask when you need any advice or help about how to keep your child safe online.

**internetmatters.org**

### Five top tips to manage children's screen time

Help your child make the most of their time on and offline

- 1 Set a good example with your own device use**  
Children will tend to model their behaviours on you, so if you start reading a book, they may follow your lead.
- 2 Talk together about the time they spend online**  
Understand what they're doing and explain your concerns.
- 3 Agree an appropriate length of time that they can use their device**  
This involves a family agreement to set some boundaries and not break them.
- 4 Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home**
- 5 Use technology and apps to help manage screen time**  
For example, the Forest app enables them to grow a beautiful forest each day they don't use their phone for a set amount of time. The iPad's 'Guided Access' limits the time you can access any given app, which can be great for younger children.

**60%** of parents are concerned their kids don't have interests outside the web

Parents of **12**-year-olds are most concerned about lack of offline interests

Children aged between 11 and 16 post on average 26 times a day

Research of 1,500 parents of children using the internet between age 6 and 16 in 2013 and September 2016, carried out by Opinion Leader.

## Dates for your diary

School & Nursery finish **TODAY** for half-term.

School & Nursery will re-open on **Monday 19th Feb**

### Tuesday 20th Feb

**AM** Y5 lantern making with artist in hall: Y5 parents welcome to join us

**PM** Y4 lantern making with artist in hall: Y4 parents welcome to join us

**After school:** Library open for children & parents

### Friday 23rd Feb

Celebration Assembly

Pm. Year 6 swimming

### Saturday 24th February

**PM Colne Winter in Bloom Festival:** see page 4

### W/c Mon 4th March

Parent Teacher Meetings this week: info to follow after half-term



# Online Safety Posters

## Smartie the Penguin

If anything happens online that makes **Smartie the Penguin** feel worried, upset or confused, he doesn't try to fix things by himself ...

**Always ask an adult for help!**

- 👉 He stops ...
- 🤔 Thinks about what to do ...
- 👤 And always asks an adult for help!

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[www.childnet.com/smartie](http://www.childnet.com/smartie)

## for 3 to 6 year olds

## Digiduck says...

**'Be a good friend online,'**

**'Say kind things to others,'**

**'and make sensible choices.'**

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## for 6 to 10 year olds

## BE SMART ONLINE

**S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

**M MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

**R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

**T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**BE SMART WITH A HEART**  
Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

[WWW.CHILDNET.COM](http://WWW.CHILDNET.COM)

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## for 11+ year olds

## PRESSURED FOR PICS?

**Remember:**  
Being pressured to send pics or vids when you don't want to is never okay.

**Always talk to a trusted adult if this is affecting you**

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## School Dinners

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

### Monday

Veg sausage roll or Macaroni cheese

### Tuesday

Sandwiches as hall unavailable at lunchtime

### Wednesday

Burger/veg burger in a bun or pizza

### Thursday

Meat & potato pie or Spicy pasta

### Friday

Pizza or Fish

The cost of school dinners is:

**£2.40 per day**

**OR**

**£12.00 per week**

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff. Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.



## KS2 robotics workshops

On Wednesday, all four Key Stage 2 classes enjoyed taking part in a robotics workshop. Each class experienced a different challenge.

In Year 4, Aamina said, "it was good fun because we got to make our own designs."

Molly really enjoyed learning how to build the robots and finding out how they work. She thought, "It was really creative!"

Moiz' feedback was "I enjoyed finding out how the sensors worked to stop the robot from crashing!"



Feedback from Year 6 included these comments: Phoebe thought it was absolutely amazing as they got to make their own robots. Then the robots they made had to fight each other. Adam also enjoyed the experience as he built a robot with friends then played with it. Adam would recommend the robotics workshop as it was great! Holly also enjoyed the workshop as it was so much fun and amazing to have an opportunity to build their own robots!



Following very positive feedback from both children and staff, Mr. Smith plans to book robotic workshops for all Key Stage 2 classes next academic year.

## I.T. free Friday

We have placed a strong emphasis on children, parents and staff learning more about how to stay safe online for the last couple of weeks. Today, we focused on having a day without I.T. so no interactive whiteboards, ipads, laptops, staff computers being used in classrooms. Miss. Watson led Celebration Assembly without the screen, laptop or powerpoint. We are very lucky to have so many fantastic technology resources in school, however it was refreshing to experience an I.T. free day! Why don't you plan an I.T. free day at home? It's good to remember how different life was before we all had so many devices in our houses!



## Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent.
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you.
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit.

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.



## Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am.

Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.



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**COLNE BID**

**HANDMADE PRODUCTIONS**

WinterBloom24Light Festival is on

Saturday 24th February from 6-7pm

The WinterBloom Light Festival returns to Colne after last year's first festival was such a success. This is a truly spectacular event with a beautiful lit parade through Colne's centre.

Year 4 and Year 5 children will be working with an artist in school on Tuesday 20th February to make lanterns for the Festival. Year 4 and Year 5 parents are very welcome to come and take part in lantern making with their children in the hall. Year 5 will be lantern making in the morning, Year 4 in the afternoon.

We hope many of our children and their families will come and join us to carry the lanterns during the procession. Last year, there was much local support and it was a very magical experience!



A massive well done and congratulations to our learners and readers of the week!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned 10 Dojo points!

THANK YOU to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.



## Readers of the Week

- Year R** **Stanley** for making sound progress in both his reading and phonics
- Year 1** **Suleman** for applying his phonics more and becoming a more confident reader
- Year 2** **Kalub** for working hard to improve his reading fluency
- Year 3** **Jaxon** for volunteering to read aloud for others and reading challenging texts
- Year 4** **Carena** for showing great knowledge about the Ancient Egyptians during whole class reading
- Year 5** **Ade** for reading at home so much
- Year 6** **Sienna** for always wanting to read her work aloud to the class

## Learners of the Week

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| <b>Year R</b> | <b>Ava Rose</b> for working hard and persevering when ordering numbers in a maths activity               | <b>Oakley</b> for consistently being a positive role model in class   |
| <b>Year 1</b> | <b>Amber</b> for persevering and becoming a more independent learner                                     | <b>Alice</b> for always having a positive attitude and being an excellent role model                              |
| <b>Year 2</b> | <b>Sansa</b> for writing an amazing fairy tale   | <b>Maliyah</b> for her resilience while making a ferris wheel   |
| <b>Year 3</b> | <b>Lilly</b> for working independently and producing some amazing English work                           | <b>Hunter</b> for his super attitude to learning and giving 100% effort in all areas                              |
| <b>Year 4</b> | <b>Johnjo</b> for brilliant teamwork and problem solving during Year 4's robotic workshop                | <b>Oliver</b> for great suggestions about how to stay safe online   |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <b>Katie</b> for being a much more confident and independent learner                                     | <b>Alessa P</b> for her super independent maths work  |
| <b>Year 6</b> | <b>Adam</b> for coming out of his shell, having a great sense of humour and being a role model EVERY day | <b>Charlie</b> for putting 100% effort in to his assessments this week—Mrs. Cumpstey couldn't have asked for more |

