

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2023

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Be safe
Be kind
Keep trying

INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

It is strange how quickly we forget the holiday period and get swiftly back into the swing of things. The children have settled into the new year and are making great efforts with their learning. In the coming weeks we have the opportunity for you to support your children with this learning through things such as understanding phonics workshop and parent/carers consultation meetings. There are many fantastic learning opportunities for the children to look forward to, for example some of the Year 6's are off soon on their residential trip.

OUTDOOR SPACES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should not play with or on any of the equipment in our playgrounds before or after school.

In the early years area, we put out learning resources for the children during the day and we are not able to supervise these areas at this time. On the other playgrounds there are many people in the playground areas therefore we feel it is not safe to be playing with equipment. The large amount people in these areas also means we would request that children do not ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds.



E-SAFETY

Technology is an integrated part of our lives and we are using these first few weeks of the year to teach the children about online safety, in and outside of school

We are using the S.M.A.R.T. rules (poster included) to support the children with their use of technology and will be adding to this other age appropriate strategies.



The year 6 classes have been reminded of the S.M.A.R.T. rules and have been learning about the use of 'Phishing' that aims to gather their personal data. They have also been given other strategies on how they can keep their personal data secure.



LEARNING – OUR SMALLEST PUPILS

Our smallest children in Saplings have settled very quickly and are engaged in a variety of different activities both inside and outside in their garden



UNIFORM

As we move on in the new term, we would just like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform. It is a Royal blue sweat shirt, jumper or cardigan with a gold polo shirt and plain navy bottoms such as trousers, joggers, skirts or shorts). Summer dresses that are yellow/white or blue/white may also be worn.

We are also requesting that your children wear black shoes (trainers are acceptable). (We do understand that different coloured footwear can be exciting for your children to wear but with the weather changing and the play that your children take part in, it is important that they have something suitable on their feet.)



LEARNING – ART ACROSS THE SCHOOL

Year 6 have been mixing tints, tones and shades, and have been analysing different landscapes in preparation for creating their own artwork in the coming weeks.



The year 2's have been learning about primary and secondary colours. They have used red, yellow and blue to make new colours.



LEARNING – RE

In year 3 the children have made elephant masks while learning about the story of the Hindu god, Ganesh.



UPCOMING DATES

Phonics workshops (Nurs, Rec, Y1)

11am in person, 5pm virtual

Wed 20th September 2023

PGL Y6 Residential trip

Mon. 25th - Fri 29th September 2023

Parent/carers consultation evenings

Tues 17th October & Wed 18th October

Half Term Week beginning

23rd October

School Individual photo Fri 3rd November

School Closed -Occasional day

Fri. 1st of December

End of term

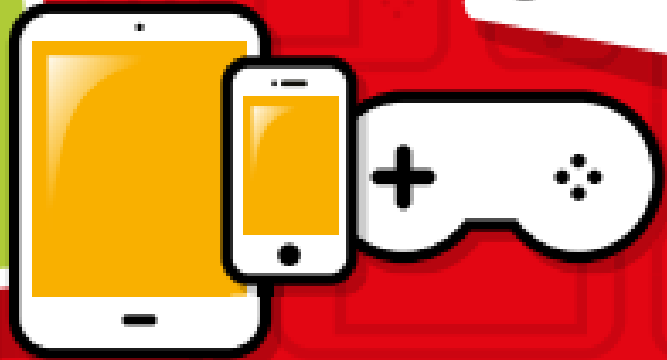
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New Term Begins

Mon. 8th January 2024



BE SMART ONLINE



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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.



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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

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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.



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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.



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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



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.

