



Newsletter 4– 1.11.17

Dear Parents/Carers,

All the children are now well established in their new year groups and working hard. During Term 1 we have been talking to the children about keeping themselves safe and I thought I would share some of this with you.

- All the gates around the school (including the carpark internal gate) need to be closed and locked by 9.00am and remain closed until 5.30 when the last children leave the site. In the morning and at the end of the day, when the side gate is open for pedestrians, could parents be very aware of who they let onto the site and that children are accompanied by an adult.
- Children are not allowed to let anybody into the school and if asked will always go to find an adult. Please support them with this and don't ask them to let you in, even if you know them.
- All authorised adults at the school will be wearing a designated coloured lanyard. If a child sees an adult without one they had been told to tell a member of staff.

We are constantly looking at children's e safety and can I remind you that we don't allow children to have mobile phones in school. If a child needs a phone at the end of the day this can be left safely in the office. Thank you for your support

Regards
Mrs Cooke

IMPORTANT DATES.

Friday 3rd November - Band and Curry night. Tickets are available

Friday 3rd November—Year 1 Parents meeting on hand-writing.

Friday 10th November—Pollination Event

Monday 20th November - Classes 3 & 4 Science Day at WWT

Friday 1st December—FOSS Christmas Fair

Thursday 14th December—Pantomime (in school)

Friday 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day

E safety

We are surrounded by images every day on our mobile phones, tablets, computers and TVs. Pictures and video are a great way to inspire others, remember good times and share important moments but is this not all that you see when you go online.

To understand what images and content children in the UK are seeing, Ofcom asked them what types of things they look at when they are online.

How do you and your children compare with the children aged 8-11?

- On an average school day 8-11 year olds spend 1 hour and 42mins watching tv, 1 hour and 26 mins on line and 1 hours 16 mins on a games console.
- Children aged 8-11 spend more time at the weekend online, than they do on a school day. Weekend day 2hours 30 mins, school day 1hour and 36 mins
- Half of children thought that some of the websites listed by Google can be trusted, but that some can't. 28% thought all the Google websites could be trusted.
- The main thing that 8-11 year olds don't like about being online is that there are too many adverts. 41% too many adverts, 21% Strangers might find out info about them, 21% people being nasty, mean or unkind to them

Useful resources

Childnet: <http://www.childnet.com/>

Safer Internet Day: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

CEOP: <http://ceop.police.uk/About-Us/>

Media Smart: <http://mediasmart.uk.com/>

Get Safe Online: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

NSPCC Net Aware: <https://www.net-aware.org/>

FOSS

We had a successful half term raising nearly £400 from our quiz night, over £100 from our refreshments at harvest festival and £300 at the school disco. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

This evening is our Live Music & Curry Night at the Tudor Arms. Last minute tickets are available from the school office or the pub before the event starts. Thank you so much to Nikki Elliot and 'The Broken Stones' for performing for us, and to Sam and Rich at the Tudor Arms for supporting us with the event.

This half term will be a busy one as we count down to Christmas. The children's wonderful Christmas card designs will be with you this week. Please place your orders by Friday 10th November and hand in at the school office - cheques should be payable to Friends of Slimbridge School.

We have been selected for a vote with the Aviva Community Fund to win a grant towards some outdoor play equipment for the reception children. Everyone can have 10 votes you just need to take a minute to register.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3793>

Or Google Aviva Community Fund and search by the word Slimbridge.

Thank you for your support!

Parking

The Parish council have asked me to remind all parents and carers to respect the access needs of people living on St John's Rd and not park on the white lined areas across driveways. This is a courtesy to our neighbours

They are also concerned about cars parking on the A38 Grass verge at school drop off and pick up times, north and south of the roundabout. These vehicles are crossing footpaths and cycles tracks and could put children, pedestrians and cyclists in danger. The parish council will be putting notices on cars that they feel are causing a hazard.

The school recommends parents park at the British Legion and Village Hall car parks.

Thank you for your support.