

# E-Bulletin

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## Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a fun weekend in the snow and have all managed to stay safe and warm. Hopefully now spring will soon be on its way! Our fantastic FOALS have their Spring Disco for children this Thursday– please get your tickets online if you haven't already done so.

We also really hope you can come and find out about what your child has been learning at our 'Sharing our Learning' activities over the next few weeks– please see below.

### FOALs

Following the success of their amazing Autumn Disco and Christmas Fayre, we are looking forward to the FOALS Spring Disco on Thursday. The Disco for KS1 children (Reception, Year 1 and 2 ) will be from 5.00-6.00 and for KS2 will be from 6.15 until 7.15. Tickets are available online - if you have any issues with the online system contact the office.

Foals are also organising a Longmeadow Jumble sale, which will be in the school hall after school on Monday 11th February. Please bring any donations for this into school on Friday 8th February.

Finally, an enormous thank you to FOALs for all their hard work to raise money for our school. We are very grateful to the fantastic team. Thanks to their hard work over the Christmas period we have been able to spend over £1200 on home reading books. **These will be going home after February half term holiday.**

### Sharing Our Learning

Children have been enjoying amazing topics, reading and writing incredible stories and carrying out science experiments. As you know, we really want to share children's learning with you so that you can see how well they are doing.

This term it is the turn of Y1 and Y5 to have Sharing Our Learning Assemblies.

We very much hope that all Y1 parents can come to **Year 1's Assembly on Thursday 7th February at 2.30pm.**

**Year 5 parents are warmly invited to their Sharing Our Learning Assembly on Thursday 14th February at 2.30pm.**

**All other classes will be sharing learning in classrooms on Thursday 14th February at 2.30pm .**

We really hope that you can all come along to share children's learning.

## Safer Internet Week

Tuesday 5th February is Safer Internet Day. This week, as part of their computing and PSHE lessons, children will be learning about how to stay safe online. They will be thinking about the benefits and risks of social media and games and learning how to stay safe, keep others safe and get help if they need it.

Teaching children to be safe on line is an important part of our safeguarding work. It is also something I know a number of parents worry about. Please find a leaflet for parents attached to this news letter. It has information about the website 'Get Safe Online' which has lots of information for parents about how to keep children of different ages safe on the internet <https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/>

We will be teaching children the SMART rules for staying safe online.

These relate to

- Keeping SAFE
- Never MEETING people you have only met online
- Be careful what messages and requests you ACCEPT.
- Make sure information is RELIABLE
- TELL a trusted adult if you feel uncomfortable.

Please ask your children about what they have been learning in Safer Internet Week.



## Attendance

I would like to remind you how important it is for your child to come to school on time every day. Hopefully, we are coming to the end of the winter coughs and colds and will all be feeling a bit healthier.

I will be sending home your children's attendance data towards the end of this term. If your child has less than 90% attendance this means that they are considered a 'persistent absentee' and you could face prosecution for non-attendance.

If your child has less than 90% attendance over the school year this means that they will have missed nearly a month of school by the end of the school year.

Most children have no more than 5 days off in a school year (average attendance nationally is 97%). Having less than 97% attendance may place your child at an educational disadvantage as they are attending less school than their friends.

## Coming Up Soon

| DATE          | DETAILS   |
|---------------|---|
| 4th February  | Safer Internet week begins  |
| 6th February  | Y5 and 6 Youth Parliament   |
| 7th February  | Y1 Assembly at 2.30pm<br>FOALS Spring Discos                                      |
| 12th February | Wiltshire Dance Festival  |
| 14th February | Y5 Assembly at 2.30pm<br>Sharing Our learning in YR,2,3,4 and 6 classes at 2.30pm |
| 15th February | TD Day– school closed to children.  |
| 18th February | Half term Holiday   |

## How to help your children stay safe online



As parents, we naturally want what's best for our children. We want them to be healthy and happy ... and that includes doing the things that are appropriate for their age and maturity.

One thing that is becoming more concerning to parents is the safety of children online. Whilst the internet is a fantastic resource for learning, communicating and entertainment, it is also largely unregulated and, unfortunately, the channel of choice for many people who have bad intentions and are not fussy about who they are harming.

As adults, we are aware of the potential issues connected with being online. If not, there is a wealth of information available to guide us in the right direction, for example at [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

Children, however, are more innocent and usually more trusting than we are, and certainly less prepared to handle the negative situations they may come across on the internet. They are also full of natural curiosity, which is a great thing.

But that's why today, you need to be switched on to how to protect children online ... not just with parental controls and specialist software that you may already be using, but by engaging with your children from an early age, and keeping engaged with them as they grow up in their digital world.



Get Safe Online – the UK Government's preferred source of online safety advice – has put together an invaluable guide for parents of children of all ages. The guide can be found on our website and takes you through the different ages of your children, detailing some of the risks they face online, suggesting practical ways in which you can engage with them and helping you put the appropriate steps in place to keep them safe.

The advice is written by experts, easy to follow and implement, and better still ... it's completely free.

Start today by visiting [www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children](http://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children) and clicking on the 'Switched On parent' button. You'll find loads of advice to keep you safe too.

Concerned about your children's social networking? Gaming? Downloading? Texting? We cover all these and much, much more.

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