

E-Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy couple of weeks once again, with lots of children taking part in lots of different sporting activities. The whole school is getting stuck into their class topics, we look forward to sharing our learning with you all soon.

Recent News and Events

- You may have heard we had an alien invasion in year 4. The children had to decide whether to fight the aliens, run and hide or make friends. In fact, these were very similar to the choices the Britons had to make when the Romans invaded. A great introduction to year 4's new topic.
- 10 Year 2 children represented the school at the West Wiltshire Gymnastics Festival. They impressed everyone with their agility, strength and style.
- Our chef Erica cooked a delicious sweet and sour lunch on Thursday to help us celebrate Chinese New Year. 2020 is the year of the rat in the Chinese Zodiac. Children will be learning more about this next week.

Is your child ready for school?

Being prepared and ready for school is so important to help children to do their best and feel comfortable in school.

Unfortunately a few children have recently not had had the things they need in school Here is a reminder about the things we expect every child to have.

A warm coat: Children play outside for at least half an hour at lunchtimes and a thin waterproof is not enough to keep them warm.

A washable water bottle. Children cannot learn well when they are dehydrated Bottles should be taken home, washed and refilled daily.

Full PE kit– trainers, jogging bottoms or leggings, House colour t-shirt . These should be taken home and washed each weekend.

Reading book in book bag. All children should be reading for at least 10 minutes per day. If they are not they risk underachieving. Please make sure that you have heard your child read and checked signed their reading record.

Being ready for school

A reminder that there will be a meeting about keeping children safe online on Tuesday 28th January at 2.30.

We shared some tips in the last newsletter. Did you know about some of these things which are available to help you help your children to stay safer online?

The Hector's World Safety Button is a simple executable file which you can download for free. The file installs a swimming Hector's World™ character on the computer screen. If a child sees something that makes them feel worried or uncomfortable online, they can just click on Hector character icon, who then covers the screen with a beautiful underwater scene and gives the child a positive written message, while encouraging them to get adult help.

<http://hectorsworld.netsafe.org.nz/teachers/hectors-world-safety-button/>

The BBC 'Own It' app. This app includes a custom keyboard which builds up a picture of your child's online activity. For example if a child is typing personal information it will intervene with a message telling them to 'think safe'. It can also monitor how often children check their messages and then develop more healthy online habits.

ThinkUknow website is run by the National Crime Agency Child Exploitation and Online protection service. It has advice for children of different ages. It also has a direct link to report any online behaviour you are uncomfortable with, for example if you think your child may be at risk of abuse or grooming.

The **saferinternet** website offers clear advice about how to set parental controls on the 4 main internet service providers. Please see <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advicecentre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls/>

Being Hopeful

We are continuing to teach our children about how important the habit of being hopeful is for a life lived well.

We know that in order to keep going when things are difficult we have to be able to truly hope that they will improve.

Dr Martin Luther King said of hope:

Only in darkness can you see the stars

We will be helping children to think about different ways to improve tricky situations.

Coming Up Soon

DATE	DETAILS
27th January	Safer internet week.
28th January	Parents' meeting—Online safety
29th January	Year 5/6 Hockey festival.
11th February	Y3 Dance Festival at Bath Forum.
12th February	Sharing Our learning in Class—Y2 (2.30 pm)
13th February	Year 5 Sharing Learning Assembly (2.30 pm)
14th February	School closed to children— TD Day