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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

I hope you all have a restful break over the half term and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed on Monday 19th February.

Internet Safety Week – 2018

If you were unable to attend the Internet Safety presentation this week, here is some information you might find useful. There is a lot of information on the Internet to help you. You might like to download this <https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Parent-presentation-script-draft-1.zip> and look through the PowerPoint presentation.



Did you know that 16% of parents of children aged 5-15 years have never spoken to them about the risks of using the Internet? Constant communication is the best way of keeping your child safe online. Would they feel comfortable talking to you about something they had seen or read? There are a number of web sites that can provide help and information. Some of them are listed at the bottom of this page.

Does Your Child Know that they must not give out information about themselves – other than their first name? If they put where they live, or the name of their school online, it makes them vulnerable.

Did you know that 50% of 12 year olds have a social media account – despite the fact that it is illegal for a child under 13? If you set your 8 year old up with a Facebook Account – and say (s)he is 13 – by the time (s)he reached 13, Facebook will think (s)he is 18 – and there will be no filtering of advertising.

Did you know that there are a number of security settings on Facebook – and many other social media apps? You can control who sees your posts, who can find you, who can see who your 'friends' are, and other things. Be sure to take a look at this....

Did you know that any child who has posted naked pictures of themselves is liable to prosecution? An article in a national paper in January had the headline "Police investigate 200 Primary pupils over nude selfies". Does your child know that once this is 'out there' – it will always be 'out there'? It's not only their friends who may see this – but future employers.

Did you know that you may have to set up filtering on your child's Smartphone or the family Broadband? It is often not set by default. Often this is done by logging on through the vendor's website. You can also set your router to restrict the hours that your child can connect to WiFi (But remember they may have 4G data!)

Did you know that the most common Password is 123456? So – what passwords do you – or your children – use? There are many simple ways of making strong passwords. For instance, in a normal word or pair of words use a capital, and replace 'e' with '3' and 'l' with '1'. Include Numbers, Symbols, Capital Letters, and Lower-Case Letters. Not overly secure – but much better than 123456! E.g. 'alderbury' becomes '!ald3rBury'.

To summarise:-

- Talk to your children regularly. Make them aware of the dangers. Encourage them to talk to you if they see anything that worries them. The issues do change as your child gets older!
- Become familiar with what children are using.
- Check Passwords and the Security setting of social media apps.
- Monitor what your children are viewing online. For example, if your child has a Tablet or Smartphone, make sure you know how to unlock it – and ensure that they know you will check it occasionally.
- Try to engrain eSafety into children's everyday lives.

You can download the presentation used in school here:

LARGE – 60Mb <http://www.alderbury.wilts.sch.uk/Esafety/E-safety 2018.pptx>

SMALL – 10Mb <http://www.alderbury.wilts.sch.uk/Esafety/E-safety 2018 - Small.pptx>

The SMALL version does not include the embedded video – but there is a link to watch it on YouTube.

Check out www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.net-aware.org.uk net-aware has a useful search function for checking on the safety and security of apps your child may use.

The OfCom website has some fascinating statistics on children's use of media – how it's changed over time – and how it's changed as they become older.

Rotary Young Writer Competition Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Please note that the deadline for entries is, in fact, Monday 19th February, apologies for the confusion but time is needed to judge the entries before the March deadline. All children who are interested in entering will need to work on their stories over the half term holiday, ready to bring it in to school on our first day back.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

We are offering Parent/Teacher Consultations on Tuesday 13th March for all classes from 3:30 until 7:00 pm. Sign-up sheets for a 10 minute appointment will go up in the hall from Monday 26th February. **Please note this new date and ignore the date put in the dates list last week.**



World Book Day – Thursday 1st March

As part of our celebration of World Book Day, last week we advertised our plans for a Swap Shop in school, we would also like your child/ren to come into school dressed as a book character of their choice on this day. So have a think over the half term break and get creative. We look forward to seeing your creations on 1st March. Also, HC3S will be offering a special 'Pippi Longstocking' theme day lunch of:

Beef meatballs in gravy or Vegetarian meat free balls in a tomato sauce

Pasta or potatoes

Medley of green vegetables

and

Swedish heart shaped cookies or Pear sponge

Priced at £2.50 for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 free for Years R, 1 and 2.

Premier Sports' Clubs

Hopefully, you all will have seen information regarding a new Mixed Ball Sports Club run by Premier Sports. This will be instead of Archery Club and will be on Fridays, as before, after school 3:15-4:15 pm starting on Friday 23rd February-Friday 23rd March priced at £20. Please contact Premier Sports (not school) to book. Link to the online booking page is:

<https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/alderbury-and-west-grimstead-cofe-primary-school/id/18454>

Also, Premier Sports run a lunchtime club for girls in school every Monday lunchtime and after the half term this will be a Multiskills Club, allowing the girls to take part in a number of different activities that don't focus on a specific sport.

A call to Scouts and Guides

Thursday 22nd February is the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting Movement. To celebrate Founder's Day any Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides can wear their Scouting/Guides uniform to school on this day.



Second match of The Salisbury Area Schools Forest Orienteering League 2017/18

Our Year 5 Orienteers took part in the second match at Dinton Park last Friday 2nd February accompanied by Mrs Hill. Once again they achieved an excellent 3rd place out of 12 schools taking part. A big well done to SB, TF, AH, E-MH, EH, AK, CM, SM, LN, NO, MP and ER-W. The final event, to see if we go through to the final, is Friday 15th June possibly at Vernditch. Thank you to Mrs Fowles, Mrs Kidd, Mrs Mullen and Mrs Nash for driving the children there and back.

Swiss Students

We have three Swiss Students visiting us again this year and we have managed to find host families for two. If you would be interested in hosting one student from Switzerland from Sunday 24th June to Saturday 7 July 2017, please let me know as soon as possible. We have hosted students very successfully before. The students are between 17 and 19 years of age and speak excellent English. As a host family you will receive £300 to cover the cost of the student's food, breakfast, lunch and dinner. There will be a contact teacher from the Swiss College in the country for the whole stay.

Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **EB** on gaining her "25 Home Reads" Certificate; **JD** on gaining her "50 Home Reads" Certificate; to Owls: **JP** and **JW** and Penguins: **LM** and **JN** on gaining their "75 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **NL** on gaining his "150 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



Skittles Evening with a ploughman's style supper

On Friday 16th February at 7.30 pm at West Grimstead Village Hall. Bar. Raffle. £7.50 for adults and £3.00 for children under 14. Please contact Janice Ford – 01722 710805 by 12th February if you would like to come. Everyone plays as individuals so just come along and have a good time. In aid of West Grimstead Village Hall Fund.



Diary Dates – new dates underlined

February

Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th	Half-term holiday
Monday 19 th	Back to school
<u>Wednesday 21st</u>	<u>Year 3 to Salisbury Museum</u>

March

<u>Thursday 1st</u>	<u>World Book Day – children come dressed as a book character</u>
<u>Thursday 1st</u>	<u>World Book Day Swap Shop</u>
<u>Tuesday 6th</u>	<u>Years 5 & 6 to British Museum, London</u>
Thursday 8 th	Cardwell and Simons – class photos and whole school photo
Friday 9 th	FAWGS Spring Disco
<u>Tuesday 13th</u>	<u>3:30-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher Consultations</u>
Saturday 24 th	FAWGS Jumble Sale
Thursday 29 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June

<u>Monday 4th-Wednesday 6th</u>	<u>Year 6 to Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre</u>
Monday 25 th	TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Headteacher