

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

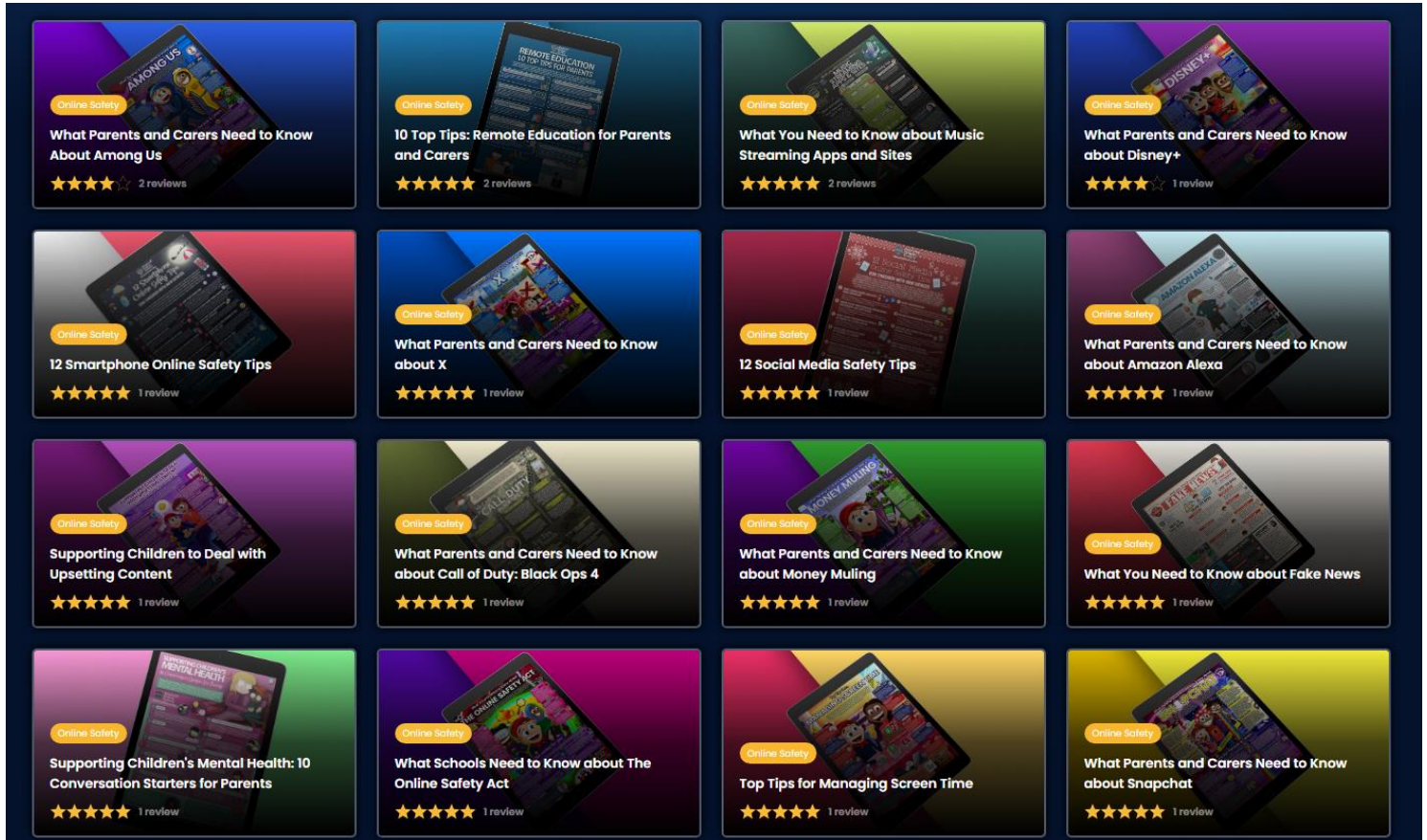
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The theme for this newsletter is Online Safety following the work that all of our classes completed last week. Here at school we take every opportunity to help parents and carers understand these issues through:

- publishing the school Online Safety Policy on the school website
- providing parents/carers with a copy of the learners' acceptable use agreement
- publish information about appropriate use of social media relating to posts concerning the school
- seeking their permissions concerning digital images, etc
- parents'/carers' evenings, newsletters, website, social media and information about national/local online safety campaigns and literature.

We also pay the subscription to the National College where parents/carers can complete courses and webinars about a wide range of topics, including Online Safety, free of charge. Please contact school for further information or see the newsletters at the start of term.



We also model and train children to use the online world safely regularly in lessons (in addition to our Online Safely Week) and as part of homework:

- Phonics - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freelIndex.htm>
- Reading - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> <https://readtheory.org/auth/login> *
- <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1894601> *
- <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/> *
- Spelling - <https://www.emile-education.com/log-in-to-emile-resources/>
- Maths - <https://login.mathletics.com/> *
- <https://trockstars.com/> *
- Curriculum - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Computing - <http://www.ictgames.com/> <https://www.ilearn2.co.uk/>
- French - <https://www.duolingo.com/learn>

*These websites require a log in and password that each child will have been given by their teacher.



Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Leaders and governors place a high priority on safeguarding pupils. They ensure that staff are well trained in how to keep pupils safe. Staff pass on concerns to those leaders responsible for safeguarding in a timely fashion. This enables leaders to make sure that the right support is in place for potentially vulnerable pupils.

Pupils understand the need to keep themselves safe. They describe with ease the many ways that they can do this. For example, pupils know how to stay safe while they are online. They learn who they can trust. Pupils know what action to take if they feel unsafe.

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From time to time, reports have been shared with school of children misbehaving online, out of school, that has caused a high level of stress and anxiety to a group of our pupils.

To support our children in helping to keep them safe, I am asking parents/ carers to check your children's phones and groups they are in. If you come across anything you consider to be bullying (Cyber Bullying) as a parent/carer you can report this straight to CEOP (child exploitation and online protection) or you can ring 101 to report the incident of bullying.



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We also want to make you aware the legal ages for the popular apps your children may be accessing:

- Facebook 13 years +
- Instagram 13years +
- TIKTOK 13 years +
- Snap Chat 13 years +
- WhatsApp 16 years +
- YouTube 18 years but 13 years with permission of parent.
- Discord 13years +

Part of your duty of care as a parent/carer is to report to the police any online activity that is a criminal offence (children 10 and over are at the age of criminal conviction) including:

- Sexting (sending indecent pictures to each other)
- Bullying (any aggressive or threatening messages between peers)
- Fraudulent use of others information (pretending to be someone they are not)

St Andrews will continue to work with the local authority to give children as much information as possible but can we please remind parents that it's your responsibility to monitor your child's activity online. Thank you for your support with this matter

Here are some further resources that may be useful:

- helpline@saferinternet.org.uk – for reporting fake accounts or general enquiries, email the **Professional Online Safety Helpline (POSH)**, or telephone 0344 381 4772
- <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/> – just type in the app or game e.g. Instagram into the search box and it will give **age rating, an overview and a parent guide/review**
- <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>
- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/>
- <https://www.askthe.police.uk/>
- <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

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Collective Worship

This week we have been focusing on Lent/Shrove Tuesday as the Christian Church begins preparations for Easter. After half term we will be looking at the theme of Perseverance: *'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...'* Hebrews 12:1-2

Enterprise Trophy Winner

Thank you to everyone who attended our Valentine's Day Market on Tuesday. The competition was fierce and classes raised over £330 for their chosen charities. There was only £1.25 between first and second place! Congratulations to Eleanor and Kendall who won the raffle prizes.

I am announcing the winner of our Enterprise trophy tomorrow and classes will be performing some songs associated with Valentines Week. It will not be the usual Sharing Assembly. All parents are invited, although space will be limited. If you wish to attend, please help staff by arriving promptly. We may need to turn parents away should they arrive late and the hall be full.



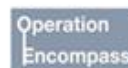
Parent Governor Ballot



Thank you to everyone for taking part in the Parent Governor election. We received more ballots than ever before. Congratulations to Mrs Mahoney who will continue as Parent Governor. It was very close and I will be contacting Mr Bin Shaheer should any vacancies arise in the near future.

A massive thank you for supporting our Book Fair. Mr Worsley and I are thrilled as we raised £968 – our highest total ever! He will also be sharing further information regarding World Book Day 2024.

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School closes for a week for half term tomorrow (Friday 16th) I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 26th February. Have a lovely week.

God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

Spring Term 2024 Key Dates	
February	
16 th	Enterprise Celebration. School closes for half term
26 th	School opens after half term
March	
1 st	Y5 Sharing Assembly (re-arranged)
5 th	World Book Day
6 th	World Maths Day Standards and Welfare Committee
8 th	Y1 Sharing Assembly
11 th - 15 th	Assessment Week/ Art Week
13 th	Buildings and Finance Committee
15 th	Reception Sharing Assembly
22 nd	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Music Celebration
25 th , 26 th	Parents Evenings
27 th	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Music Celebration School closes for the Easter holiday

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