# Vewsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy and exciting week in school this week with trips to the local library, Reading cafes and Design and Technology lessons having started in various year groups. Burger Day was a highlight of the week with the chocolate brownie having been a particular favourite!

Our youngest pupils continue to settle in beautifully to their new routines in school

and it is so wonderful to see so many happy faces arriving

at school on a morning!



We have some important and exciting events coming up in the next few weeks, including Harry Potter day next week. Pupils are invited to dress as wizards that day, and to contribute £1 where possible. This is optional and if pupils do not wish to dress as wizards, school uniform should be worn instead.

We are looking for any parents/family members who would like to volunteer some time to hear readers in school - if you are interested, please see the information from Miss Jenkins in this newsletter.

Next week also sees the final &iLearn workshops for any parents in Years 4-6 who have not yet managed to make a session. All parents need to attend a session in order for pupils to take home ipads moving forward.

We continue to ask, please, that parents drive and park respectfully on the local roads around school, including not parking on the marked lines or blocking the ambulance station. This is so important for maintaining positive relationships with our wider community. Thank you once again for your support with this.

If you have any questions relating to your child, or key messages for your class teacher, please do contact them via a message on Class Dojo, or using admin@placefarm.org.uk.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs McConnell Head of School



Please note there is no pressure for children to dress up if they do not wish to – the focus is on enjoying the event! If they do not wish to dress up then they should attend wearing school uniform as normal.

### Calendar

#### **October**

9<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival – see enclosed information

10<sup>th</sup> October - Additional &ilearn 1:1 ipad session for parents of Years 4-6 children 2:30pm 11<sup>th</sup> October - Additional &ilearn 1:1 ipad session for parents of Years 4-6 children 5:00pm

12<sup>th</sup> October – Harry Potter Day – see enclosed information

17<sup>th</sup> October – OM Nurse led Puberty Workshop for parents 4:00pm

19th October: Autumn School disco – see enclosed information

: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

31st October – Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2024

Half term: 23<sup>rd</sup> October-3<sup>rd</sup> November Return to school: 6<sup>th</sup> November

#### **November**

8<sup>th</sup> November – Class photographs

9<sup>th</sup> November: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

16<sup>th</sup> November: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 parents maths session 3:30pm in the hall (more information to follow)

Parents' Evening: 20th November (3.45-7.30); 21st November (3.45-5.30) - more information to follow

23rd November - Year 2 parents maths session 3:30pm in the hall (more information to follow)

30<sup>th</sup> November: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 parents maths session 3:30pm in the hall (more information to follow)

#### December

Carols on the playground and Christmas in Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – more information to follow EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December School term ends 21<sup>st</sup> December

#### **January**

PD Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> January – school closed Spring terms starts – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Half term: 19th-23rd February

# LEARNIpad parent session for parents of Years 4 – 6 pupils

As promised, we have two final parent sessions for those parents that have been unable to attend the 1-1 iPad sessions so far. The two dates are:

Tuesday 10th October - 2:30pm in the hall

Wednesday 11th October - 5:00pm in the hall

If you have not already, please can you ensure that you attend one of the sessions. This is vitally important in allowing your child to take home their 1-1 iPad.

#### A little snapshot into Science across the school...



The children have been working extremely hard in their science lessons across the school.

In Early years they have been caring for the plants, using the herbs in the outdoor area to make potions and describe the smells. They have had scented playdough and the children have been using their senses in a variety of different ways. In Theme time they have been exploring 'What makes me a me' and similarities and differences.





Year One have been looking at Seasons and why does day become night. The children have loved experimenting using torches to find out when the earth faces the sun, its daytime and the other side facing away, is nighttime. The also made paper plates to show daytime/nighttime.



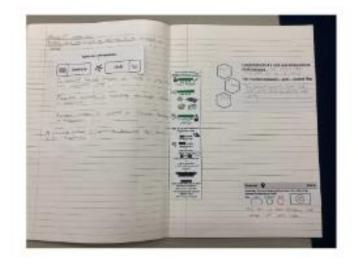


Year 2 have been learning about MRS GREN and living things. The children are very keen to learn what Mrs Gren stands for and are looking forward to the investigations they have planned.



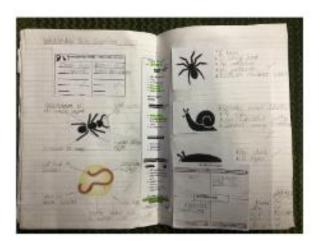


Year 3 have been looking at Rocks this half term. The children have loved learning about the volcanic rocks and how it forms from Lava! They have been looking at how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within the rock.





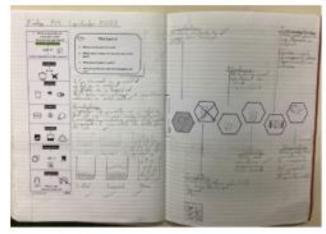
Year 4 have been learning about living things and their habitats. They will be working on grouping living things in a variety of ways, they will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment and recognise that environments can change and pose dangers to living things.





Year 5 have been focusing on properties and changes of materials. They have enjoyed taking part in different experiments to find out how materials can be separated.



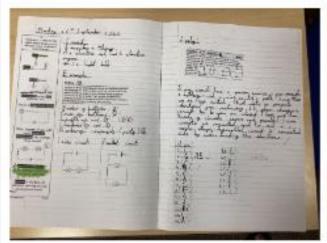


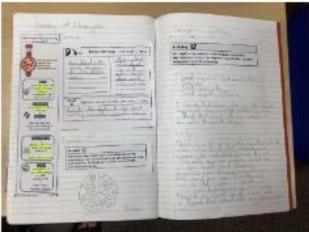
Year 6 the children have been learning about electricity.

They learnt about what electricity is and the difference between series and parallel circuits.

The children enjoyed making circuits in small groups and seeing the bulbs light up.

In their next unit, the circulatory system. The children will be learning all about the heart.





 Rainbow Class have been focusing on the importance of hygiene. They have drawn pictures and had discussions about this subject, understanding why it is important to care for ourselves.





## A little snapshot into what has been happening in Year 4 recently...

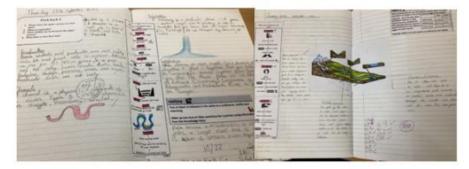
#### Year Four

The children have settled well into Year Four and have been working hard in all their learning. Please see below for some photos of their fantastic work

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In Geography, the children have enjoyed learning about rivers. They
have learned that rivers have an upper course, middle course, and lower
course. Here are some examples of their fabulous work!



 In Design and Technology, the children have been learning about food and nutrition. They have worked collaboratively to make homemade pizzas!









Well done Year 4!
Miss Mason and Mrs Griffiths

## **Reading Cafes**

Reading Cafes — Below is a list of the Reading Cafes for all classes. Please look closely at when your child/children will be having theirs. They will take place in the school hall like last year. For any new parents, this is a time to come into school and read books with your child. All are welcome ©

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Rainbow – 9:00 – 9:30	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	1ES - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 12th October	1ED - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	2LA - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2SA - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	3SJ - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	3KM - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	4RG - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4KM - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January <mark>2024</mark>	5JG - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	5CM - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 1st February	OAP - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	OLP - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	6EJ - 9:00 - 9:30	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	6SL - 9:00 - 9:30	
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#### **Haverhill Library Visits**

Haverhill Library Visits - these are the dates and times that the different classes will be visiting Haverhill Library. On this day, the children will need to bring in their library card. Thursday 12th October 4KM - am 4RG - pm Thursday 19th October 3SJ – am Thursday 9th November 3KM - amThursday 16th November 2SA – am Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2LA – am Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1ED – am Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1ES – am Thursday 14th December Rainbow - am

#### **OM NURSE LED PARENTAL WORKSHOP (PUBERTY)**

On **Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 4pm** in the school hall, we have a visit from the OM Nurse, who will be leading a parental information session on Puberty. If you are interested in attending this session please complete the forms link below.

https://forms.office.com/e/NNseND6USp

### **Autumn Disco**



# Autumn Disco! Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October '23

**EYFS** disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £1 and will include a snack.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:40pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Children can also bring up to £3 with them to purchase small items (detailed below). Pupils will need to look after any change during the disco so please try to give them the correct amount of money.

Glow sticks= 50p each

Finger lights = £1 each

Please pay for your ticket on ParentPay.

#### A weekend story/ poem from Miss Jenkins

Take a moment this weekend to sit and read the story/poem below. Discuss with your child/children the meaning behind the text. What have they learnt? Can they write something similar following the same structure/ story line? If they do come up with something amazing, please send it my way so I can display it in the library ©

# The Domovoi

# ZANA FRAILLON

Listen. This story has rules. Follow them ....

Rule 1: Make yourself a burrow. Make one in your bed, or under a table, or between two chairs. Make one in the wardrobe, or in an old cardboard box. Burrow well.

Rule 2: Litter your burrow with things to lure. A photo or a book.

Or that rock that you picked up that time and kept for some reason
that you weren't altogether sure of ... put the rock in the burrow.

Rule 3: Get paper and pens and pencils.

Rule 4: Believe.

Are you ready? Then go, into the burrow.

Once upon a time ...

In every bouse, in every apartment, or tent or caravan or car, wherever a person calls home, there lives a house spirit. House spirits feed off words. Off night whispers and snippets of talk thrown from mouth to ear. They feast on arguments and gorge themselves on gossip and chin-wagging, nattering, messy, laughing chat. They swoon with the pleasure of riddles set, and poems performed, and tales told. And they

wait in hiding, waiting for someone to listen to the stories they have to tell.

Have you noticed your house spirit? Perhaps you thought the shadow shifting thicker under the window was a trick of the light. Or that the flitting image glimpsed on the very edge of seeing was just your imagination. Maybe you thought the padding footsteps or the soft knock on the window was merely the wind ....

It wasn't. I know. I have met my Domovoi, my house spirit who larks under floorboards and huddles in the stove's warmth. I have set my eyes upon his furred body, smelt his dusty scent, felt his weight heavy on my shoulder. I have heard his tales and imaginings breathed in my ear ...

Remember rule number 4.

Here is something else I know. While you sit, cosy in your burrow, your house spirit is edging closer. Can you hear it? The soft scuttle of claws? Did you catch that souffling, or the faint drag of a tail across the floor?

Your house spirit is with you now, in your burrow. Watching, Waiting for the words to tip from your tongue and delight. Can you feel the movement of air across your back? The tingle on your neck? Can you feel its whiskers on your leg. feel the touch of a warm, furry hand on your shoulder? Can you hear its whisper? See its snippets of stories bloom to life in your mind?

Perhaps you will do as I do and write down the tales your house spirit shares, or draw them into being. Perhaps you will imagine them, or dream them, or perhaps you will forget them altogether. Forget that the locuse spirit even exists. Until one day, when you see the place

where the shadows gather, or where the light shimmers, just on the edge of your seeing ...

Now close your eyes. Your house spirit is waiting. It has so many wonders to whisper. Listen ...



# Reading Volunteers:



We are reaching out and looking for volunteers to come into school and listen to children read from different year groups.

This can be for an hour an afternoon or the whole afternoon – whatever availability you have will be a huge help to our readers.

There is a recruitment process to follow and therefore if you are interested please email <a href="mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk">admin@placefarm.org.uk</a> with the subject: Reading Volunteer.

If you have any questions please do message Miss Jenkins on Class Dojo.

Thank you so much for your support with developing children who love to read! ©

#### **October Half-Term Information**



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the October half term. The grant will be issued as a £15 supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.

We have been informed that our supermarket voucher provider company 'Sodexo Motivation Solutions UK Limited' will be changing their company name to 'Pluxee UK LTD'. The process of issuing the discretionary grant vouchers will remain the same and this is purely a name change for the provider. We anticipate this change will be in place for the October half-term issue of vouchers.

As with the summer school holiday issue of vouchers, the SCC Free School Meals (FSM) team will place the voucher order using the information provided by your child's school.

Could we please also ask that you ensure that your child's school holds the most up to date contact information for you, to ensure that the voucher is sent to the correct recipient.

We aim to have all vouchers sent to recipients by Friday 20 October 2023. If you have not received the vouchers by this date or in the event of any queries regarding the vouchers, then please contact our team at freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk rather than speaking to the school directly.

Please note, that if you have children who attend different Suffolk schools, you may receive your vouchers at separate times before the start of the school holiday.

Please look out for an email from <a href="mailto:noresponse@vouchers.sodexoengage.com">noresponse@vouchers.sodexoengage.com</a>, and please also check junk and spam folders before contacting us directly.

The voucher must be redeemed before the expiry date as failure to redeem by that date will mean you cannot be reissued, and you will lose access the grant.

We hope that this discretionary grant goes some way to help in supporting your family during the school holiday, whether buying food or freeing up some income to go towards energy and water bills or other essential living costs.

If you are financial struggling and require additional support, further information can be found at: <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/">www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/</a>.

Yours faithfully

Suffolk County Council





#### October 2023 Holiday Camps – New MEGA ACTIVITY CAMPS

#### Samuel Ward Sports Barn in Haverhill

#### Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to bring our <u>Mega Activity Camps</u> to Haverhill again this October. We will be at The Samuel Ward Sports Barn, **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** October between 9am and 3.30pm. Early drop off is available from 8.15am too. For the extra Unity half term week from the **30<sup>th</sup> October** – **3<sup>rd</sup> November** we will be at Samuel Ward again offering <u>Multi Activity Camps.</u>

Our Mega Activity Camps are for 4.5—12-year-olds, boys and girls, and are designed to be inclusive with activities for everyone. On our Mega Activity Camps, we have an Energy Zone and a Chill Out Zone. The high energy zone included activities such as inflatable fun, Nerf & Laser Tag, Multi-Sports, Ezy Roller Karts and much more. The Chill Out Zone includes activities such as Arts & Crafts, Rock Painting, Jewellery making, Board Games, Twister, Mario Kart/Crash Racing, Colouring, Lego & Fort Building. Please note any 4-year-old attending must be attending primary school.

We have 50 spaces per day available and the price is £22.50 per day with an Extra cost of £2.50 for early drop off. Our Camp leaders and staff all work Full Time or Part Time within Primary School settings too. All staff have an Enhanced DBS check and are trained in safeguarding children. The days are built to be fun, safe and inclusive.

Each camp we do will have a minimum of two **fun inflatables** from our range of: Bouncy castles, Obstacle Course, Jumbo Slide, Sports Cage, Nerf Shooter, Traversing Climbing Wall, Hungry Hippo Game and Giant dartboards! We aim to rotate our inflatables between the venues we use each day too.

The Multi Activity week from the 30<sup>th</sup> October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> November is part subsidised by the Unity Schools Partnership and therefore has a cost of £18 per day.

Booking is all done online. If you visit <u>www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com</u> and click on the find your camp tab, it should be easy to book from there! If you have any problems, please email us on:

info@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk

Kind regards, The Prestige Sports Team

#### Abbeycroft Leisure Half term activities









#### **Junior Rugby Club Recruitment**



to join our junior teams. Do you fancy learning and playing a new sport. Well Haverhill junior rugby, could be for you.

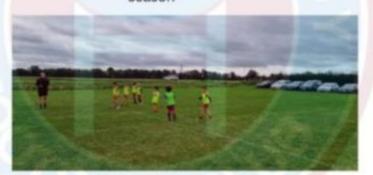
our team's training on a Sunday mornings at 10am. we are looking to recruit both boys and girls, so come along and give rugby ago. for 3 weeks free trial, just turn up Sundays at 10am. Have fun, make great friends to last a lifetime and enjoy this sport called RUGBY. for more information please visit and like Haverhill juniors and youth rugby on Facebook.

or visit the club on a Sunday mornings.



The playing fields School Lane Haverhill CB9 9DE

Our season starts September to May, after trial period our player membership is £30 for the whole season









OurJuniors at play

#### Flu Immunisation information

This is the link for giving consent for your child to have the flu vaccine (mentioned in the poster below): <a href="https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/suffolk">https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/suffolk</a>

# Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/suffolk

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

#### THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu.
- Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions).
- Is painless, quick and effective.
- ✓ Is free

#### THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. This may also be the vaccine of choice for vegans. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu injection, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you MUST inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,

Your Local Immunisation Team Vaccination UK



### SUFFOLK Immunisation Team



Contact Details

suffolk@v-uk.co.uk



01603 394 103

WORKING ON BEHALF OF



#### **USEFUL INFO**



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.



PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will NOT be available to otherwise healthy children after December 15th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.



Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form,

#### USEFUL LINKS



www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu



Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy

For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- · Mother: automatic
- · Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- · Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- · Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

# FREQUENTLY 799 ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

# Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- · Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

# We do not eat pork products. Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

If your child is vegan, please note that the flu injection is a cell based vaccine. For more information, please see our FAQs page on our

https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu



# HERE'S THE IMPACT OF

A student who reads A student who reads A student who reads

minutes per day

minutes per day

minute per day

will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year

will be exposed to 282.000 words per year

will be exposed to 8.000 words per year

Please ensure you make time, every evening, to listen to your child read - even if it is just for a couple of minutes. You will be exposing them to new vocabulary which will be improving their understanding and building a bank of new words to use.

How should it be recorded once I have listened to them?

EYFS, KS1 and Rainbow	KS2	
Once you have heard your child read, please write in their planner which page they got up to and sign it. The teacher will then look out for this the following day ©	Once your child has read to you, they can write in their planner which page they got up to but please can you sign next to it. The teacher will then look out for this the following day ©	

If you have any questions about reading at home, please do message Miss Jenkins on Class Dojo.



# Keeping children safe online

## **Parent Guides to Online Safety**



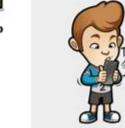
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Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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