

Time to
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Half
Term

Stondon Lower News

The Weekly Round Up

Friday 12th February



As the half term comes to a close, we have been thinking about the events and celebrations ahead, such as Valentines day, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year to name but a few. We hope that you all enjoy a well deserved half term break and find enjoyment in the festivities.

Thank you to those of you who completed our Parents and Carers feedback survey. Your responses will help us plan our remote learning for next half term. Hopefully, after half term we will have clearer guidance from Boris Johnson regarding the reopening of schools to all children. Once we receive this information, we will of course communicate this with you.

After half term, please look out for a ParentMail inviting you to take part in a parent consultation regarding the teaching of Relationships Sex Education (RSE) at Stondon Lower school. The Department for Education (DfE) has issued statutory guidance for the teaching of Relationship and Sex education in primary schools. By law we are required to consult with parents and carers over the content of our policy prior to the governors approving it for implementation. Further details will be shared with you after half term.

Have a relaxing half term. Stay safe and well.

Ms Dumbleton

Internet Safety

Thank you to everyone who attended the internet safety session on Wednesday evening, we hope that you found it useful. We thought it would be a good idea to share some top tips with you on how to keep your children safe online.



Always check the security settings on devices and online accounts— make sure they are set to private or friends only. Check security settings regularly to ensure they haven't changed— children and teenagers can be very tech savvy! You can find further information about this here— <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Use the PEGI ratings to show you what the recommended age is for different games.

Look for changes in your child's behaviour e.g. excessive use of the internet, secrecy about who they are talking to, changes in use of language that they wouldn't normally use.

Talk to your child regularly about how to keep themselves safe and how to behave online!

When young people text, they like to use slang and short hand. Use the periodic table to texting to help decipher their messages.

Use www.net-aware.org.uk to find out the content of different games and what age they are appropriate for. This is really useful if your child asks to play a game that you haven't heard of before.

Like or follow the CEOP and Beds police social media pages on your own and your child's social media accounts— this could deter someone from targeting them.

Be sure to check what your child is watching online, it may sound appropriate but the images may not match the sound.

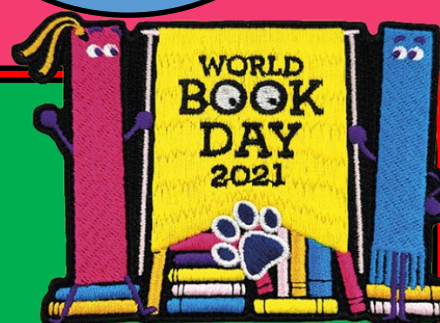
Turn on safety restricted mode on YouTube— <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/174084?co=GENIE.Platform%3DAndroid&hl=en#:~:text=From%20the%20Home%20screen%2C%20scroll,Restricted%20Mode%20or%20Safety%20Mode>

Create a watch list on YouTube for your child so that they only watch things that have been pre-selected, which ensures that what they are watching is safe and appropriate.

World Book Day— Thursday 4th March

We are pleased to inform you that WBD is not cancelled and will take place on the 4th of March. We thought we would give you some advance notice though as a lot of children (and grown ups maybe?) might like to dress up to celebrate. The theme we are going for this year is 'the mystery story teller'.

There will be a plethora of fun activities taking place on the day whether you are at home or in school. We will be sending out some more information after the half term break.



We would like to say thank you to everyone who donated and organised the care packages for the staff which we received this week.

We are very grateful and are looking forward to a pamper over the half term break.