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Half-term

Just a reminder that we break-up today for half-term. Have a great break everyone.

Keeping Your Child Safe Online Parent Workshop

Thank you very much to those parents who came for the workshop on Tuesday. Here are the slides used at the workshop.

E-SAFETY PARENT PRESENTATION

DISCUSS: THE INTERNET... THE GREATEST INVENTION OF OUR TIME?

AND SOME MORE FACTS AND FIGURES...

USAGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA...

TEACHING ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

E-SAFETY IN SCHOOL

PARENTS-TALK THE TALK! BE'E-INTERESTED!

There are real advantages in maintaining an open dialogue with your child about their internet use. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

- 1 Ask your children to tell you about the websites and apps they like to use and what they enjoy doing online.
- 2 Ask them about how they like to use the internet. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- 3 Ask them if they know where to go for help, when to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.
- 4 Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- 5 Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

TALK about online happenings!

Set a family AGREEMENT

Discuss STRATEGIES to deal with inappropriate online content

Understand that some online behaviour may break the LAW

Familiarise yourself with PRIVACY SETTING and REPORTING features

BULLIED ONLINE - save evidence and report the incident

Look at AGE RATINGS for games and apps

Set up a FAMILY EMAIL address

Use NICKNAMES rather than full name online

Set up a PIN or password

CHILDREN WILL MIRROR HOW YOU 'BEHAVE' ONLINE

"If children watch parents overshare photos and intimate or sensitive information about family issues, the child will assume this is appropriate online behaviour."



MODEL EXCELLENCE!

- Making sure that your account/profile is **SECURE** and not open to everyone.
- Using **APPROPRIATE** language in posts or updates that might be seen by others (including your child and/or their friends).
- Ensuring that any photos posted fit the '**GRANNY RULE**' are done so with **CONSENT** from the person in the picture
- Taking a **POSITIVE SLANT** in your posts/updates. Question whether posting negative statements online is most effective way to deal with it

Useful sites for further information

- net-aware.org.uk/
- kidsmart.org.uk/
- google.co.uk/intl/en/safetycenter/
- childnet.com/resources/star-toolkit
- nspcc.org.uk/
- internetmatters.org/
- thinkuknow.co.uk/
- esafety-adviser.com/
- vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/learning-and-fun/digital-parenting-magazine.html
- o2.co.uk/help/nspcc

Test My Best

Children are invited to create something – a photo, knitting, a cake, a craft project and enter it into our termly competition. All children will receive a certificate and winners will get a prize. This term's title is 'Springtime'.



Pencil cases and belongings

Please could we kindly ask that children do not bring pencil cases or belongings, into school. Children do not need anything for school, everything is provided. Thank you

Council to support Telford & Wrekin families through new family hubs

Telford & Wrekin Council has been successful in securing a share of the government's Family Hubs funding. As a result, borough families are set to benefit from a £3.2m funding boost to help them access a 'one stop shop' for community services and help children to achieve the best start for life.

Family Hubs aim to support families in overcoming difficulties and building strong relationships with children and young people aged 0 -19 (25, if they have special educational needs and disabilities). Services will include supporting new parents with infant feeding, perinatal mental health support, parenting as well as home learning environment services.

A wide range of local partners including health, education, early years and voluntary sector, will help deliver the Family Hubs services across the borough, with each hub being co-produced with parents and carers of local communities. A digital offer will also be in place to enable families to access 24/7 the Family Hubs' services.

The Council will be rolling out Family Hubs across the borough over the next three years, with the first Hub set to open in summer 2023.

Advice for parents on visits to settings involving contact with animals

Visitor attractions involving contact with animals are understandably popular with parents and children but do carry a risk from infectious diseases.

All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans, where they may cause ill health. Some of these, such as *E. coli* O157 or *Cryptosporidium* (Crypto), present a serious health hazard and have the potential to cause serious illness which may be particularly severe in young children. We see many cases of Crypto each year in the Health Protection Hub, particularly among children, and it's a miserable experience for them and their parents.

Following these practical steps will help your child stay safe and healthy:

- Children should wash their hands in the following four situations: after contacting animals, before eating, before and after using play equipment, and when leaving site. It will help to explain why they must wash their hands thoroughly in these situations and to show them what proper handwashing looks like. Bear in mind that alcohol gel is not a suitable substitute for proper hand washing with soap and running water – it doesn't work against Crypto.
- Do not suck fingers or put hands, pens, pencils or crayons etc. in mouths.
- Check that cuts, grazes etc. on children's hands are covered with a waterproof dressing.
- Do not kiss animals.
- Eat only food that you have brought with you or food for human consumption that you have bought on the premises, and eat only in designated areas.
- Never eat food that has fallen to the ground.
- Never taste animal foods.
- Children should not eat, drink or chew anything (including sweets) outside the areas designated for eating at the visitor attraction.
- Where possible, clean or clean and change footwear before leaving. The site should have facilities to clean footwear and pushchair/pram wheels as you leave the site. Wash hands after cleaning/changing footwear.
- Do not use or pick up tools (e.g. spades and forks) or touch other work equipment unless permitted to do so by site staff.
- Do not climb on to walls, fences, gates or animal pens etc. Some animals put their feet on the fences of their pens and contaminate them with faecal matter.
- Listen carefully and follow the instructions and information given by the site staff.
- Do not wander off into unsupervised or prohibited areas e.g. manure heaps.
- Allow plenty of time for hand washing before eating or leaving the site so that the children do not have to rush.
- If a member of your group shows signs of illness (e.g. sickness or diarrhoea) after a visit, visit the doctor and explain that they have had recent contact with animals. Please also contact the attraction you visited and inform them of the illness.

Water Safety Tips for Parents

The Canal & River Trust have produced some information on water safety for parents based on their SAFE message – Stay Away From the Edge, with a focus on getting children to “Hold hands and take two steps back” when by the water side. They have a video you can watch with your children featuring Maddie Moate from CBeebies:



Other tips

- Always hold your child's hand when by the water
- Make sure the brake is on the pram or pushchair when stationary
- Make sure to look out for other people on busy towpaths before stepping back
- Head to the [Explorers website](#) to download learning activities to help you toddlers and pre-schoolers learn how to stay safe by the water.

What to do if a child falls into the water

- There may be other people around, so shout for help as loudly as you can.
- If you have other children with you, make sure they are safe.
- Dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Explain your location clearly - use road names, bridge numbers, what3words and describe any landmarks.
- Lie down on the ground and try to reach them in the water. Use a tree branch, stick or an item of clothing to reach out to them. Don't get in the water yourself. If they have fallen in, it's likely that they won't be too far away from the edge.

- If you can, haul them out of the water. Do this by lying down on the ground and pulling them out by grabbing their clothes. Don't pull them out from a standing position as you are more likely to fall in the water yourself.
- If you can't get them out, lie on the ground and hold on to them until help arrives.

You can visit their website here: [Water safety tips for parents | Canal & River Trust](#)
(canalrivertrust.org.uk)

Snow

If school is forced to close due to snow, we will list St Mary's as closed at this web address:
<https://schoolclosures.telford.gov.uk/> and we will do our utmost to send a Parentmail out also.



Ten by Ten

By the time your child is ten at St Mary's, they will have experienced most of these activities being promoted by Telford and Wrekin. Using the library is an activity that you can do together over the holidays. There also lots of places that you can visit for free. These include:

- Apley Woods
- Bowring Park
- Dale End District Park
- Dawley Hamlets
- Dawley Park
- Dothill
- Granville Country Park
- Hartshill District Park
- Ketley Paddock Mound
- Lightmoor
- Lilleshall Hill
- Limekiln Woods
- Lodge Field
- Madebrook Pool and Stirchley Dingle
- Madeley Pit Mounds
- Randlay Valley
- Rough Park
- Telford Town Park
- The Beeches
- The Cockshutt
- The Ercall and Lawrence's Hill

10 by 10 activities

10 by 10 is here to encourage children to try ten activities before they are ten years old, ones that will help them to discover new talents and opportunities.



Join in competitive team sports



Play an instrument



Learn to swim



Visit the seaside and the countryside



Take part in drama and performing arts



Experience museums, galleries and heritage sites



Use a library



Learn to ride a bike



Take part in debating



Take part in camping trips and overnight residentials

Diary Dates

27.2	Monday 27 th Test My Best	Children are invited to create something – a photo, knitting, a cake, a craft project and enter it into our termly competition. All children will receive a certificate and winners will get a prize. This term's title is 'Springtime'.
	Thursday 2 nd March Year 1 Trip to Ancient High House	Information has been sent via letter.
	Friday 3 rd March World Book Day	The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. We ask that all children dress-up as a character from their favourite book and bring that book to school too if they have it. All children will receive a book token on the day too.
6.3	Tuesday 7 th March 8.50am Year 5/6 ALC Curriculum Assembly	Parents are invited to our assembly to see all the work that your child's class have been doing and to celebrate achievement and progress. It lasts about 45 minutes. You do not need to book places to attend. We hope to see you there.
	Thursday 9 th Mini Vinnies Lent Walk	We will be raising money for Mini-Vinnies and Cafod by doing a lent walk. All children will need their wellies and we ask that they collect as many pennies as they can from family members to participate. All money goes to those most in need.
13.3	Monday 13 th March Year 5/6 HL Space Centre Trip	More information has been sent via letter
	Tuesday 14 th March 8.50am Year 1 Curriculum Assembly	Parents are invited to our assembly to see all the work that your child's class have been doing and to celebrate achievement and progress. It lasts about 45 minutes. You do not need to book places to attend. We hope to see you there.
	Thursday 16 th March Reception Curriculum Assembly	

	<p>Tuesday 14th March Parents Open Afternoon 3.15-4.15pm</p> <p>Friday 17th March at 11.50pm Mother's Day Lunch</p>	<p>All parents are invited.</p> <p>Letters will be sent home to book places.</p>
20.3	<p>Monday 20th March Year 5/6 ALC Space Centre Trip</p> <p>21st – 28th March Sustainability Week</p> <p>22nd March 8.50am 5/6 HL Curriculum Assembly</p>	<p>More information has been sent via letter</p> <p>Parents are invited to our assembly to see all the work that your child's class have been doing and to celebrate achievement and progress. It lasts about 45 minutes. You do not need to book places to attend. We hope to see you there.</p>
27.3	<p>30th March Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>31st Easter Service in hall</p>	<p>We ask that parents donate Easter eggs if they can. We do purchase hundreds of eggs for the children to find but the bigger eggs are usually donated. Thank you in advance.</p>