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Dear Parents

Charity Fund Raising - Thank you for your generosity!

- The collection at the Carol Service raised £151 for Cancer Research UK, School Council's chosen charity for this year.
- School Council's 10p and 20p games raised £275.36 for Cancer Research UK.
- Christmas Jumper Day raised £117.32 for CRESS to support Gob-or Bush School for the South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda - this school has 184 pupils and is the only school for the children in that area - its only funds have come via Broad Chalke School fundraising.

Online Safety Survey

Our pupil led online safety group have been working with Mr Howell and myself on a survey and they would really appreciate parents filling this out. They ideally need at least 15 responses back from each year group to make it representative. The survey will be put in book bags as a paper copy and there is one for every child as there may well be different answers for different children in the family. The survey is anonymous and the children are really hoping for lots of responses by the end of January. The survey is also attached (both PDF and word versions) in case you would prefer to complete it electronically and e-mail it back to the school office.

Please find attached some useful information on Tik Tok and Minecraft, both of which were very popular with our pupils the last time we did an online safety survey.

I will try to send out online safety information like this whenever I can. This seems like a better way to get information out to parents rather than running an online safety session for parents, which is beyond the expertise of school staff; very expensive to book an online safety expert; and, when we have held these events in the past, they have been very poorly attended.

These links to very short videos on YouTube may also be useful for parents.

Beware of the Cyber Playground: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ApfDVJbcS0>

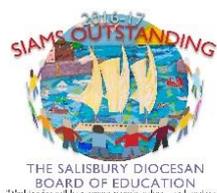
Where's Klaus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lOOn2wR8bU>

Adverse weather conditions

It's that wet, cold and windy time of year again and we may even get snow! This is a reminder about what to do in the event of adverse weather conditions such as ice and snow. I aim to make a decision by 7.30am, it is never an easy decision to make because even if some of the children can get to school, staff may not as many teachers and teaching assistants live further away than parents. We need to have enough staff to operate safely. If an early morning decision is made to close completely, because it is considered that the site is unsafe or due to lack of power or lack of staff, we will put an announcement on the radio and on the school website www.broadchalke.wilts.sch.uk and also on **Classlist**.

A closure message is sent to **Spire FM - 102 FM**

Spire FM also post a list of school closures on their website: www.spirefm.co.uk.



If we are open, Gemma Cullen, our school caretaker / cleaner in charge, will make every effort to make the school site safe by clearing and gritting paths for access. We hope to be open as normal from 8:00 for Earlybirds and from 8:50 for all other pupils, but cannot guarantee that all staff will be able to get here should roads be hazardous.

Everybody needs to make an individual decision about whether it is safe for them to travel, particularly as conditions may get worse throughout the day. Therefore, if children are absent due to poor road conditions then these absences will be authorised. Please only travel if you consider it is safe to do so. If your child is able to get to school, please ensure that they have suitable outdoor clothing to put on over their school uniform including **coat, waterproof boots and gloves**.

In the event of sheet ice or snow it is highly unlikely that there will be cooked lunches so please send a **packed lunch** as a standby. If during the day conditions should worsen and you decide to collect your child early, please feel free to do so. Please be aware that if your child travels by bus, the bus companies may decide to cancel their services so parents may need to consider alternative arrangements to get their children home.

The best laid plans...

Unfortunately there have been several changes to the list of dates I sent out in my last newsletter with some activities being postponed due to circumstances beyond our control! I'm so sorry for any inconvenience.

These are the changes:

- All of the MyBnk workshops for Y5 / Y6 have been cancelled due to a double booking but we are top of the waiting list.
- The Life Education workshops on 27th and 28th February have been cancelled due to staff shortages but again we are on their waiting list.
- Y2 Trip to Beaulieu is now 1 week earlier so **Friday 13th March** instead of Friday 20th March due to transport issues.
- Y5 / Y6 Tag Rugby date is now 3 weeks later so **Wednesday 18th March** instead of Wednesday 26th February.
- Y1 Robotics will not take place on Thursday 12th March due to a diary clash but Mrs Rawlinson will try to arrange this for another time.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway
Headteacher