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January Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you managed to find some moments over the festive period to spend time with family and friends and to recharge for the Spring Term ahead of us.

As many of you will be aware, we start 2019 with a few changes to our teaching staff. The children in the Year 3 and 4 class have a new teacher as do the children in the Year 4 and 5 class. Miss Massender is currently teaching the Year 3 and 4 children whilst Miss Dodds is teaching in the Year 4 and 5 class. We would like to welcome both teachers onto our teaching team and are looking forward to working with them. Both teachers bring with them a range of skills and experience that will enhance the excellent provision we already have in school. The children in both classes have given positive reports so far and have enjoyed their first couple of days with their new teachers.

Social Media

As children become more exposed to technology in the home and in school, we will be looking at how they can remain safe when using their devices. Safer Internet Day 2019 is happening this year on Tuesday 5th February.

Information for parents can be found here- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>
The site is full of information for parents on how to keep their children safe online and on social media.

As part of this, we are attaching some guidance for parents on how you model good behaviour to your children when using social media. Most parents and carers are responsible users of social media and take great care to act appropriately when doing so. However, occasionally things can be posted that have negative repercussions for those involved.

This guidance is a very brief set of suggestions on how we as a school can work with you as parents to show your children what should and should not be said when using social media. We hope you will support us in preparing your children for the wonders they will encounter when using technology, but also prepare them to be responsible when doing so.



Other Information

As most parents and carers are happy to receive information, newsletters and updates via the text service, school app and website, we are moving away from using paper copies of our letters. However, if you would prefer a paper copy of anything school sends to parents/carers, we will be happy to send you one. Occasionally we will send a letter home when we need permission for a trip for example, but more information will now be sent via the app and placed on the school's website.

The Hertford Vale School Jotter app is available for both Android and Apple phones and can be downloaded from the relevant websites. The Android app can be found here :

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.webanywhere.schooljotter.containerApp&hl=en_GB

The Apple version can be found here : <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/school-jotter/id1353760196?mt=8>

If you have any other questions about the school, please contact us on the numbers at the top of this page and we will happily work together to keep Hertford Vale a safe and happy place to be.

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Responsible Social Media Guidelines.

Dear Parents/Carers

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Due to the rising popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, the staff and governors have agreed that they will be setting a good example to the children in our school, when using these sites.

We would like to invite the parents and carers of the children in our school to do the same.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by:

- Demonstrating courtesy and respect for staff, other parents and pupils when comments are placed on social networking sites.
- Using appropriate language when discussing school.
- Addressing any issues or concerns regarding school, directly with the headteacher, member of staff or governors rather than posting them on social media.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by not:

- Using social network sites to make derogatory comments or posting photographs which could bring people into disrepute, including making comments about pupils, parents, staff members, the senior leadership team, governors, local authority or the wider community.
- Posting photographs of other people's children on social networking sites without their permission.

Our promise to school is:

- We will meet with you and use the school's policies and procedures to resolve any concerns.
- We will work hard to resolve any concerns in the best interest of the whole community.
- We will act in the best interest of the whole community and honour our duty of care to our children.
- We will never conduct school business through social network sites.