

Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

8th February 2019

Message from Mrs Gelston – Safer Internet Day

Parents will have seen a great deal of information in the media concerned with children's online safety this week to coincide with Safer Internet Day. If you are continually concerned with how much screen time your child/ children are having; what they are doing online and who they are communicating with online, you are not alone! As a parent of two children (11 and 12 years old) myself, I often worry about the dangers the online world presents and how I can keep control of this and keep my children safe. As much as I think it would be easier to go back to a non-digital world, I know that this won't happen so I have needed to find ways of managing this on a day to day basis.

To help parents, a booklet called 'Digital Parenting' is being sent home today which has been produced by Parent Zone in conjunction with Vodafone. This booklet contains lots of helpful and simple tips for families to have a better digital life. With today's weekly bulletin, I have also attached two resources produced by the UK Safer Internet Centre especially for Safer Internet Day. The first is designed to get you talking about the internet at home. This is something we do a great deal with children in school and hope it is something you will also be able to do at home. The second is a list of useful platforms and sites to visit to gain advice about online safety.

Finally, only yesterday, it was announced that the UK's four chief medical officers have issued advice on the use of social media and digital devices. Both The Guardian and The Telegraph have published stories on their advice and the links are here should you be interested to read what has been said:

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/feb/07/children-parents-screen-time-electronic-devices-bedrooms-uk-medical-officers>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/02/07/social-media-fuels-addiction-chief-medical-officer-backs-duty/>



Handwriting Competition Winners – Well Done!

Congratulations to the following children who were winners in our handwriting competition: **Zach Rillie** (Einstein Class); **Isabella Rundall** (Attenborough Class); **Ruby Blackmore** (Hawking Class); **Lexi Edmondson** (Anning Class); **Tilly Elliot** (Archimedes Class); **Leah Sackett** (Galileo Class) and **Samantha Sibley** (Darwin Class)

Most improved handwriting awards were also given to the following children: **Toby Howell** (Einstein Class); **Josh Ridout** (Attenborough Class); **Sadie Bowler** (Hawking Class); **Lucca Masters** (Anning Class); **Sampson Harman** (Archimedes Class); **Louie May** (Galileo Class) and **Daniel Stevens** (Darwin Class)

The Future of the Essex Library Service

The way that Essex County Council run their libraries is very likely to change. A concern that many Essex residents have is that opening hours to our local libraries will be drastically reduced or an even bigger concern is that libraries will completely close.

Please try to find the time to complete the online survey – details are below.

For more information or to complete the survey online:
essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation



POET: A national survey on Educational, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and Special Educational Needs (SEN) support.

Essex is part of a nationwide survey, called the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool, or 'POET' for short. The POET survey gives children, young people, parents, carers and practitioners the chance to share their views of Education Health Care Plans and Special Educational Needs Support and the impact it has on their lives (or the lives of those they support). For the first time this year, the POET survey is open to all families, children and young people who have additional needs. The survey can be completed once a year and helps build a picture of what is working and what could be better. The survey takes just ten minutes to complete and children can complete the survey themselves or with help. To take part visit: <http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/listing/poet-personal-outcomes-evaluation-tool/>

Workshops in Child Mental Health 2019 – Presented by EWMHS and Family Solutions

In last week's weekly bulletin, we shared dates for workshops relating to child mental health. To book a place contact Lewis Ball on harlowhubadmin@nelft.nhs.uk or call 0300 300 1600 (option 1 & 4).

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 th February	Darwin Class (Year 6) at Duxford Imperial War Museum
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	SENCo Drop in Session
Wednesday 13 th February	Einstein Class (Reception) Penguin Day
Thursday 14 th February	Attenborough Class (Year 1) at Hollytrees Museum PFA Valentine's Day Cake Sale
Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 26 th February	Parent's evening (all year groups)
Wednesday 27 th February	Parent's evening (Year 3 only)
Thursday 28 th February	Parent's evening (all year groups except Year 3)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March (2.15pm – 3.15pm)	Einstein Class (Reception) Open Afternoon – Parents invited into school
Monday 25 th March – Friday 29 th March	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Week – more information will follow
Friday 29 th March	PFA Mother's Day Secret Presents Room
Tuesday 2 nd April	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church
Friday 5 th April	Last Day of Term
Friday 14 th June	PFA Father's Day Secret Presents Room
Saturday 29 th June	PFA Summer Fayre