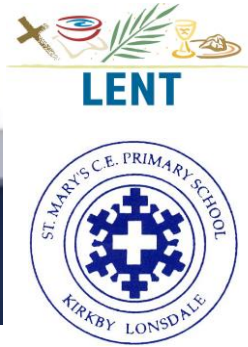


St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

Thank you to everyone who took part in our wonderful celebration of books today. The children explored a book per class written by Oliver Jeffers. We will share our photos of this day in our next newsletter!

FRIDAY 4th MARCH



Clean for the Queen is a campaign launched across the country to make an effort to develop areas and tidy and clean up spaces to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Schools, individuals and community groups are committing to support this event. On **Friday MARCH 4th** our children will take part in improving our school grounds in the afternoon. Children are invited to bring clothes to change into as they will be gardening on this day. **PLEASE BRING NAMED GARDEN TOOLS** if you have them.

CALLING SCIENTIFIC VOLUNTEERS:

Would anyone like to volunteer to help us and share their science skills? If you have a job or interest in science, please get in touch with us if you can help during science week. On **MONDAY 14th** we will be dressing up as **Mad Scientists all day**. This is another opportunity to get creative and launch our week long activities in style.

SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Many parents, particularly in the juniors have been requesting information about grammar terms and punctuation which are now being tested in Year 6. Children are now required to learn and explore – modal verbs, active and passive verbs, subjunctive forms, determiners, adverbial phrases etc.... Often baffling to us as we were not always taught the exact terminology for aspects of our language. To support you we have attached a document which has been produced recently. I hope everyone finds this helpful. Don't be overawed by the document!

New Computers and Tablets.

We have now received and installed our new computers and 15 tablets in school for our children to use. This makes a real difference to teaching computing.

PARKING

It would not be a Kirkby Lonsdale newsletter without mentioning parking at some point in the term. Importantly I would like to ask parents to be aware of the safety issues related to parking on the paths. I have been asked to point out the legalities of this but it is crucially a safety issues for the public, children and especially difficult for parents with buggies.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Well done to Neve S who has got her Blue Peter Badge recently – very impressive!
- Well done to Isabelle I who has received – Most enthusiastic Ballet Dancer recently
- Very well done to Henry and Emils who are becoming amazing writers in reception. These boys are regularly arriving at Mr Jones' door with a whole range of writing they have done by themselves.



Thank you to Henry Coates who played his violin superbly for us in assembly last Friday. Henry achieved Grade 4 in the violin which is a great achievement and we were inspired by his playing for us. Well done Henry!



We continue to value your support by completing the parent view website survey. Ofsted is due within this year and they could explore the website up to 3 weeks prior to the visit. With this in mind we would love your support in sharing your views. Thank you for your support.

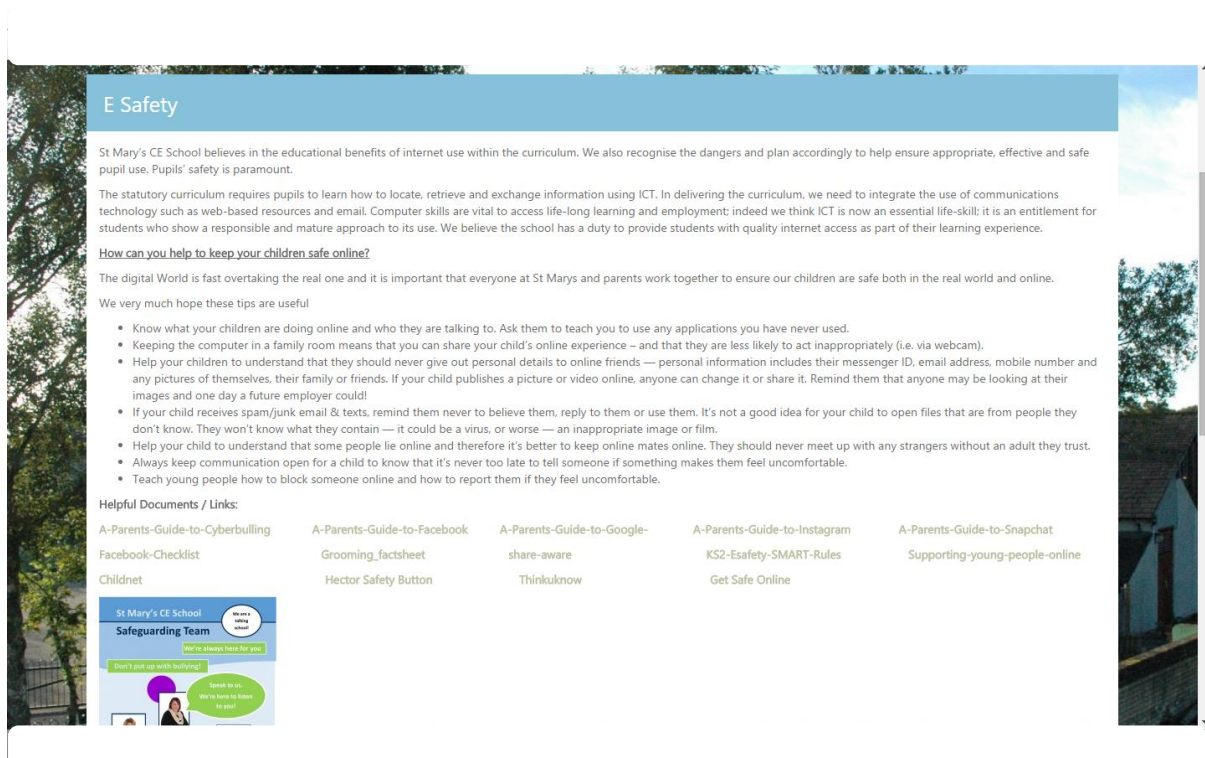
SCHOOL DINNER QUESTIONNAIRES

During parents evening and with your responses we have begun to reflect upon your views about potential changes to school dinner menus after Easter. We will be keeping you in touch with any alterations and recommendations we have put in place. Thank you for your comments.

E safety and Safeguarding

We have spent a lot of time over the past two weeks looking at E safety for our children. We have focused on being safe when sharing your personal information

This website page is accessible via our SAFEGUARDING page. It highlights how to be safe with Facebook, Instagram, snapchat etc.. Please explore this and the video links too!



E Safety

St Mary's CE School believes in the educational benefits of internet use within the curriculum. We also recognise the dangers and plan accordingly to help ensure appropriate, effective and safe pupil use. Pupils' safety is paramount.

The statutory curriculum requires pupils to learn how to locate, retrieve and exchange information using ICT. In delivering the curriculum, we need to integrate the use of communications technology such as web-based resources and email. Computer skills are vital to access life-long learning and employment; indeed we think ICT is now an essential life-skill: it is an entitlement for students who show a responsible and mature approach to its use. We believe the school has a duty to provide students with quality internet access as part of their learning experience.


How can you help to keep your children safe online?

The digital World is fast overtaking the real one and it is important that everyone at St Marys and parents work together to ensure our children are safe both in the real world and online. We very much hope these tips are useful

- Know what your children are doing online and who they are talking to. Ask them to teach you to use any applications you have never used.
- Keeping the computer in a family room means that you can share your child's online experience – and that they are less likely to act inappropriately (i.e. via webcam).
- Help your children to understand that they should never give out personal details to online friends — personal information includes their messenger ID, email address, mobile number and any pictures of themselves, their family or friends. If your child publishes a picture or video online, anyone can change it or share it. Remind them that anyone may be looking at their images and one day a future employer could!
- If your child receives spam/junk email & texts, remind them never to believe them, reply to them or use them. It's not a good idea for your child to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain — it could be a virus, or worse — an inappropriate image or film.
- Help your child to understand that some people lie online and therefore it's better to keep online mates online. They should never meet up with any strangers without an adult they trust.
- Always keep communication open for a child to know that it's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Teach young people how to block someone online and how to report them if they feel uncomfortable.

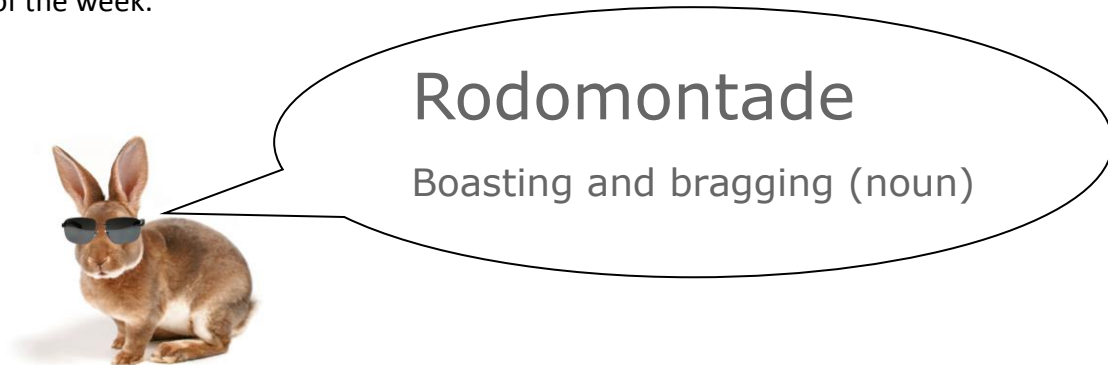
Helpful Documents / Links:

A-Parents-Guide-to-Cyberbullying	A-Parents-Guide-to-Facebook	A-Parents-Guide-to-Google-	A-Parents-Guide-to-Instagram	A-Parents-Guide-to-Snapchat
Facebook-Checklist	Grooming_factsheet	share-aware	KS2-Esafety-SMART-Rules	Supporting-young-people-online
Childnet	Hector Safety Button	Thinkuknow	Get Safe Online	



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Word of the week:



Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards

Mr Jones