

Weekly Newsletter

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday 10th February we will be joining schools across the country in marking Safer Internet Day. Children will be engaging in a variety of lessons and workshops over the day including sessions led by guests from KPMG and Cyber Heroes.

This is now arguably the area of life which poses the greatest risk to our young people as they are growing up, so we would urge you to engage in both the content of this weeks newsletter, the resources shared and the workshop offered below.

KPMG ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

As parents and carers, your engagement in our work in this area is absolutely crucial. With this in mind we have arranged for visitors from KPMG to deliver a specialist session for parents.

This will be taking place straight after school in the Year 2 classrooms and we would strongly recommend parents join us for this if they are able. Content will include a summary of the risks we need to be aware of as parents and carers and strategies and resources for supporting our children in developing and maintaining healthy relationships with technology.

Information to support you with this is also available on the [Online Safety page of our website](#)

WHAT I WISH MY PARENTS KNEW - PARENT GUIDE

The government has produced a comprehensive guide to help parents support their child's relationship with technology. It provides background to the current climate, supportive tips and even practical structures to use with your child which we would thoroughly recommend you take some time to look at.

[You can access the resources by clicking here.](#)

THE DANGERS YOU MAY NOT BE THINKING OF

Traditionally, the terms eSafety or Online Safety have been associated with the risks of stranger danger, online bullying and various content that we would not want our children exposed to.

Whilst all of these are clearly still very prevalent and of huge concern, it is the more subtle and insidious impact of the habitual use of technology - both by children and adults - which we need to be particularly aware of on a day-to-day basis.

This is a scary, seemingly endless list which includes negative effects on attention span, self esteem, speech and language development, self image, 'friendships' and mental and physical health, not to mention the ability to form balanced opinions given the echo chambers within which many of us spend our online existence.

As adults, we are modelling to our children appropriate use of technology from the very earliest age and children therefore will be constantly picking up on where, when and for how long we are on our phones or tablets (regardless of how productive we may or may not be being!)

Screen time in itself is not an evil thing. What is of concern is what children in today's world are missing out on in terms of conversation, creative play, exercise, books and any number of other important hobbies and activities every time they are instead in front of a screen.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

RIGHT RESPECTING SCHOOL - IDENTITY DRESS DOWN DAY

At Cheadle Hulme Primary School, we are committed to the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**, meaning we place the Rights of the Child at the heart of our curriculum, school ethos and culture.

One of the most significant rights we teach the children about is their right to an identity. Through our Character Traits (see Page 1), the books we share with the children and the curriculum we teach, we aim to foster individual identity as well as an appreciation of the differences between us. In our often polarised world, we think a strong identity is one of the most powerful things we can nurture in our pupils.

On Friday 13th Feb, we will be hosting an 'Express Yourself' Dress Down Day for which we will be joined by Hannah from our school charity, CAFT. On this day we are encouraging the child to come to school in anything they think reflect the uniqueness of their individual identity.



OPAL PLEA!

We will be launching our new outdoor learning project after Easter and preparations are in full swing!

The project relies a lot on donations from parents of anything from rope, to pots and pans, to dressing up gear to suitcases and everything in between so please put a few bits aside if you can.

In the short term, if any parents have any contacts in the building trade who would be able to help with any storage and/shelters we would love to hear from you!

VILLAGE REWARD VISIT



Every day, pupils earn reward tickets for excellent behaviour at lunchtime with names being drawn out raffle-style for a special treat visit to the Village Hotel for breakfast. This terms lucky winners certainly enjoyed their trip last week!

THRIVING FROM TOTS TO TEENS DROP IN

One Stockport Family Hubs are offering a 'Thriving from Tots to Teens' drop in session on Thursday 12th Feb, 9.30-10.30am. This session is intended for parents interested in knowing more about supporting their child's mental health and well-being.

For more information about this session, [please click here](#).

ACADEMY COMMITTEE VACANCY

We are currently reviewing membership of the school's Academy Committee to ensure the school continues to represent all parents / carers in our school community.

We would like to hear from parents who would like to know more about what a role on the committee entails. This is very much an informal expression of interest at this stage but one that we hope will give more insight into the role should a full parent member election process be held later this year.

If you would like to know more, please email us at admin@cheadlehulmeprimary.org.uk. You can also find out more on the governance page of the school website [which can be accessed here](#).

RHYTHM FIT HOLIDAY CLUB

Rhythm Fit are offering a February Half Term Dance Camp for all primary pupils, hosted at Pownall Green Primary School in Bramhall.

For more information including how to book a place, [please click here](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th Feb - Rob Biddulph author visit

10th Feb - Safer Internet Day, Parent Workshop 3.30pm

13th Feb - Year 1 Assembly (2.30pm)

13th Feb - 'Express Yourself' Dress Down Day

27th Feb - Year 4 Assembly (2.30pm)

16th Mar - Ash Bond author visit

26th Mar - DT Exhibition (3.20pm)

24th April - Year 3 Assembly (2.30pm)

1st May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)

20th June - Summer Fair