



## FRIDAY EMAIL UPDATE – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the New Year and 2021. Christmas certainly seems like a long time ago and a lot has happened since we returned to school last week.

There are a few things to make you aware of, which are coming up later this half term, which had already been planned to be online so will be continuing as planned.

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

We are running two parent briefings: one on phonics, which will be most relevant to those of you with children in Key Stage 1 – this is being run by us.

The second is a Parent's Online Safety Briefing which is being delivered by Nigel Kirkham, one of the specialist IT school advisors from Lancashire County Council. As parents it's vital we keep up to date with how to keep our children safe online, especially at the moment when children are on screen more than ever. I'd highly recommend this to you and if you can make it a priority to attend as there is nothing more important than keeping our children safe. Nigel is a fantastic communicator and you'll find it's delivered in a really interesting way as well as being incredibly information and eye opening to what's out there. This event is being shared with one of our cluster schools, St Mary's Osbaldestone Primary School so you may see some unfamiliar faces so don't worry that you're in the wrong event!

You don't need to inform school you're attending either meeting. Just follow the Zoom link given below on the evening.

**KS1 Phonics Parent Briefing: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm** (this will last around 40 mins + Q and A)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427875739?pwd=ZE5wdkltQUpldTZQcTRYUEpoZmg5dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 2787 5739

Passcode: 061890

**Online Parents Safety Briefing: Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82750507132?pwd=UzR4MVdjakFrbDMxT2ZoRHVYaC9LUT09>

Meeting ID: 827 5050 7132

Passcode: 160760

### HOME LEARNING

It's been fantastic how well home learning has been going and how well the children have adapted. Thank you to everyone just out of the screen who are doing an amazing job supporting learning at home. Please can I ask though that laptops/tablets/ipads are well charged up over lunch time, as there have been a few issues in the afternoon with devices closing down, so that there is minimal disruption to the afternoon sessions as possible. Thank you.

If anyone is in need of free data for 3 months to help with learning online, school have been sent Vodafone 3in1 SIM which fits all types of tables, dongles and wi-fi devices. It's 30GB of data for 90 days. If having one would be of benefit to you, please contact Sandra to arrange collection from school. They will need a mifi dongle to go with them to connect to laptops.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE & CHILDCARE

As you know, this week we've had to close our infant bubble. I'm sure you'll already have been thinking of what to do concerning childcare but please can I encourage you if your family hasn't been affected by the closure of our infant bubble, to have a backup plan for child care so that if your child's class has to self-isolate you are prepared. Thank you.

## ONLINE SAFETY LINKS FOR PARENTS:

I've included a couple of websites you might find useful to upskill your knowledge and awareness of how to keep your child safe online. They are both easy to navigate and are full of relevant and up to date information.



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## JUST FOR FUN ON A FRIDAY!

Next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, just for the fun of it everyone in school is going to try to wear the funniest hat they can find/make. It isn't a competition just a fun end to the week and something for the children to get creative with during the week. Teachers will be joining in too. It can be as simple as your child's favourite bobble hat to a home made creation! Have fun and we look forward to seeing all the hats next week. If it works well we'll make it a regular part of the week with something different each week.

Have a restful weekend and stay safe,

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