



Learning through play in the nursery

#### PARENT PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Our regular Parent Partnership forum was held in January. The presentation is on the website. At this meeting, we looked at how the school has moved on since the Ofsted inspection last year.

#### SAFER INTERNET DAY

I am sure that many of you will have seen the reports in the media about young people and the internet. At school all classes have had sessions this week about keeping safe. We had a visit from the NSPCC as well, and this has reinforced the importance of keeping safe. Parents at our Friday assembly were given their own presentation about keeping their children safe. The statistics around safety are worrying, please look at our website for some links to useful sites. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019> There is some very useful information on this website.

Each year, the number of incidents the school has to deal with is on the rise. The incidents range from unpleasant WhatsApp messages, to children being approached by strangers, to children playing age-inappropriate games. Although these things are happening out of school, often on mobile devices, the impact on the school is significant. We would ask you to be aware of what sites your children are accessing, as well as what they are messaging to others. Most of the social media sites are not suitable for primary aged children. The school will take a robust approach to any reported incidences.

#### READING

Accelerated Reader is now in full swing across the school. Children take a Star Test each half term, and this helps to support judgements of the correct reading level for them. As part of our homework, we would expect children to be reading for about 20 min per day. Please support us by making sure that your child is reading regularly. The children take an online quiz about their book on completion. This helps the teachers keep a track of the reading levels for each child. Please can you have a look at home for any mislaid school books, as we know how easy it is for the book to end up under the bed, or behind a cupboard! We would be very pleased if you could return any books to school.

Oxford Owl has some very useful advice for parents to support learning at home, such as how to encourage your child to learn to read, and love reading. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/advice-for-parents/>

#### TEA, TALK & TODDLER TIME

A reminder that parents of babies and pre-school aged children are welcome to join Mrs Lyman on a Thursday morning in the Studio. This is a very informal gathering of parents and children. We are very pleased with the uptake, please encourage parents/carers/grandparents to join in with the fun. This is an ideal way to meet new people and for your little one to socialise with others.

#### BAD WEATHER

As always at this time of year, there is excited talk about the possibility of snow. Should there be a need to close the school we will let you know via Parent Pay as well as posting a message on the website.

#### THE JIMMY MIZEN FOUNDATION

Margaret and Danny Mizen visited us at school today to share their story of their son and brother who had his life taken whilst visiting the bakery for a sandwich. They explained how actions have consequences, not just for the people directly involved but also for family and friends. We hear lots on telly about young people losing their lives but you never hear of the effects it has on the families involved. Margaret and Danny have taken their tragedy to spread the news in schools that lives should be valued, to remember to have self-worth (you are not only taking a life but you are also changing the path of your life through your actions) and how can we prevent incidents like these happening again in our community. It was a very moving talk which I'm sure will have a positive effect on all of us who listened to their story. (Summer and Frederick)