



Newsletter 12 March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It's been wonderful having all the children back at school this week. They all seemed really excited to see their friends again and they have settled into their school routines incredibly well.



Year 6 Easter inspired art work.

First of all this week I wanted to share with you some beautiful work our year 6 children have produced on the theme of Easter. Well done year 6 – what great work. The breakout area in KS2 certainly looks fantastic.

Turn on the subtitles campaign

You many have heard some really interesting research in the news last week from the, “turn on the subtitles” campaign. Essentially, research that has found that when parents turn the subtitles on when their children are watching TV, it doubles the chances of their children becoming good readers. The research is quite incredible and it’s a simple, quick and free thing we can all do that can have a potentially huge impact on our children.

Here’s a link to the, “Turn on the Subtitles,” campaign website which has more evidence and information and a short film from Steven Fry explaining why it’s something we should all be doing. I’d really encourage you to give it a go!

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/>

Roblox

Many of our children at school use a programme called Roblox to play games and chat with their friends online. These kind of programmes were really great during lockdown and they provided a means of social interaction, however they are also potentially fraught with difficulties. Since we’ve been back at school several children have been upset talking about their accounts being hacked and we’ve become aware of Roblox groups being set up where not all of the participants in the group are known to the users. The chat function in particular often causes friendship fall-outs and difficulties at school and so I’ve included a link to the parent guide to Roblox on the O2 / NSPCC net aware site which I would urge you to look at and check your child’s settings if they use it.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>

Fortnite

Numerous children throughout the whole school have also been talking about playing on Fortnite which is not suitable for Primary age children and again causes behaviour and friendship problems for us at school. I’ve included a link to the O2 / NSPCC site about this game for you to look at, but I need to make you aware that the violent content is of concern to us and children should not be accessing it.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/fortnite-battle-royale/>

Wraparound care gate

Finally a reminder that our wraparound care club is up and running and taking bookings. Could I politely remind everyone that if they are using the care club gate to drop off or pick children up, they make sure it is securely locked and behind them.

God bless,
Mrs Harper