



Bean News



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Online Safety Day Tuesday 5th February 2019

This week your child has seen a video and received information about staying safe online. For Key Stage 1 this looked at, not sharing information or pictures in any online context. The focus was on ensuring an adult is informed about any concerns children have.



For Key Stage 2, children were reminded that social media sites have a starting age of 13, and therefore should be avoided by primary aged children. Children were encouraged not to share any personal information online and made aware of the potential dangers of doing so. Children were also informed of a number of laws that protect pupils from being harassed, victimised or bullied by another child or children online. Time was taken to explain malicious acts and the possible consequences that could result.

Please discuss any online activity with your child and ensure appropriate privacy settings are used where appropriate. Please also reinforce the responsible use of technology in order to avoid offence being given.

For further information, please visit the school's website, Links tab and follow the CEOP link.

Choral Concert—Maldives Class

Congratulations to Maldives Class for attending the Longfield Concert in January and singing beautifully. Bean were amongst six schools represented who performed to a packed audience. The quality of singing was excellent which was complimented by the children's confidence and evident pleasure. Parents who attended were highly complimentary.



Children's Birthdays

We appreciate that children get very excited when it is their birthday, which is why in Key Stage 1 the children get to wear a special birthday hat and are sung to. As a Healthy School, we don't encourage sweets being brought in as this would mean an awful lot of sweets being consumed. Instead, we encourage parents to purchase a class novel or library book which can be enjoyed by the whole class. Having the child's name and a brief message added is also welcome.



Argentina Class Rescheduled Assembly

Please be aware that the rescheduled assembly for Argentina Class is now 28th February at 2:30pm. Parents are invited to view their child's work following the assembly.



PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE Kit with them everyday and that it is clearly labelled with their name.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not to be worn to school, apart from small studs, which may be worn as earrings. Your child must be able to remove them for PE.

Adverse weather...

In the event of severe weather resulting in hazardous conditions, it may be necessary to take the decision to close the school. Once a decision has been made, we will notify parents of any school closure via Parentmail.

Information will also be posted on the school website and the Kent Closures website www.kentclosures.co.uk.



Reading with children

Book Banding is now firmly embedded across the school with children eager to frequently change their books. The structured system is helping children read more broadly and experience a wider range of vocabulary, which we are seeing being applied into their writing. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home, especially before bedtime as this often leads to more settled sleep patterns.



World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

The theme for World Book Day this year is 'Share a Story'. To celebrate, children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book characters!

We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic costumes!

