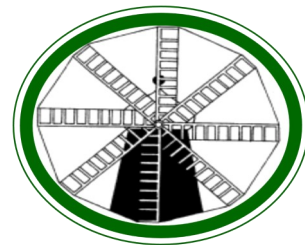# Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

6th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although restrictions and lockdown are starting to lift and we are able to socialise more, we are still trying to ensure that we keep our systems and procedures in place so that every member of our school community is kept safe.   To that end, can I please ask that you continue to adhere to our one-way system at the end of the school day.   Additionally, in order to prevent accidents, could we please ask that children do not ride bikes and scooters on the school playground.   Thank you for your co-operation with this.

As the weather will hopefully soon start to get warmer, could you please ensure that your child has a hat and water bottle in school each day.   Please note that our school policy is that only water may be drunk in classrooms.   Sun cream is permitted in school provided that it is named and your child is able to apply it themselves.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bentley

Headteacher

Music wall

This is the Music wall made for Reception class with some of your old, donated pots and pans.

How fabulous is this?

The mud kitchen is in progress...

Dates for your diary

25/05/2021   Wrates Class photographs—Please wear uniform on that day and bring PE kit to school.

28/05/2021   Last day of term

07/06/2021   First day of term 6

ONLINE CONTENT
10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.

2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.

3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.

4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.

5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.

6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.

7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.

8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.

9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.

10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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