

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you've all enjoyed the crisp weather we've had, the children have been well wrapped up to continue their fun in the playground during break and lunch times.

Class 3 times tables

To encourage practice of recalling the times tables, class 3 will be taking part in a times table competition called the "MTC Cup". Between the 23rd and 25th January, we are playing against a number of local schools and hope that your child can help us win and maybe qualify for the national finals! Please keep encouraging the children to practise their times tables at home on the **Learning with Emile** app. Every correct answer given by your child in an "MTC game" between 6am and 8pm next week contributes to our school's score!

Safer Internet Day

February 6th is Safer Internet Day. We will be teaching discrete lessons in school which are designed to help your children make sensible choices around using the internet.

These will include;

- limiting the time spent on the internet. Research indicates that using the internet for any length of time has a detrimental effect on children's well being and health.
- what to do if something unpleasant comes on the screen when they are using the internet. Children who see inappropriate content might feel: confusion or uncertainty. shame or guilt.

Please go to

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

for more advice on keeping children safe online.

The internet is, of course, a wonderful tool at times but we need to all be vigilant that it is not harming our young people.

World Book Day - March 6th

The school council has decided that they would like the children to dress up as book characters this year. Please help your child decide what character they would like to be, reminding them that this must be a character from a book - not just a film. Obviously characters that appear in both (such as Harry Potter) are acceptable.

Thank you

Thank you to Haughley Joint Charities for the donation of £125.00, which we have used to provide every child in reception with waterproof trousers.

Road Safety - car drivers

In the morning and afternoon at drop off and pick up times, please do not block the access for pedestrians to the zebra crossing. Please do not park on the pavement. I would rather you were a few minutes late than endanger the lives of others. Thank you.

Best Wishes,