

Parents Association News

It was nice to see so many of you at the coffee morning last Thursday. This was in response to a number of parents asking for one to be held on a different day of the week. The next one is a Tuesday (12th March) but we will try and schedule a different day from time to time where possible.

Congratulations to Year 4 for raising over £300 at the cake sale last week. Thank you for making such a delicious array of treats for us.

Last but by no means least we have decided to squeeze in a social evening before Lent. Come and join us at the Hollywood Arms on Thursday 28th February. Tickets are £5 on sale from your rep now, with all proceeds going to the PA. Primarily this is a chance for us to get together away from the school gates, but we'll be holding a small auction on the night to help the school upgrade its server. Do come and have a drink, a bite to eat and a catch up with friends in the beautiful upstairs room at the Hollywood Arms.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend.

Alex

**FEB
28TH
2019**

@ 7.30

**PARTY
TIME!**

Hollywood Arms
45 Hollywood Road
SW10 9HX

Tickets £5
On sale now

How to enjoy reading with your child, with tips from the Book Trust...

Set aside some time: Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer. **Ask your child to choose a book:** Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book. **Sit close together:** Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages. **Point to the pictures:** If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures. **Encourage your child to talk about the book:** Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel. **And lastly, above all - make it fun!** It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together.



Stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information - such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name - to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

This week marked safer internet day. The children in KS2 were taught about how to stay safe online during assembly. Remember the SMART rules for safety!

Catholic Children's Society

Last week we had a visit from Kimberly from the Catholic Children's Society to introduce their Lenten appeal, in which we participate every year. The theme of the 2019 Lenten Appeal is 'Shine Your Light.' Pupils will think about how they can use their talents to make the world a brighter place. Lenten boxes will be given to each child by our R.E. monitors next week. The Lenten appeal will raise money to support children in our diocese who are in need.

