



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

This week I have decided to write my section of the newsletter about **E-Safety**. Electronic Safety is a really important aspect of school life, teaching the children about the positive and negative aspects of social media, gaming, the internet, email and much more. We always use the term SMART when discussing e-safety at school – it would be great if you could reinforce the message at home:



Since returning from the Christmas break it has become apparent that a number of pupils (particularly in the older year groups) have received presents such as phones, tablets, laptops and consoles. The vast majority of these devices can connect to the internet and give your children access to the full range of websites, chat rooms and gaming areas that the internet provides. At school we understand the huge good that the internet can do but also worry about the world pupils with access to the internet can see. As such it is really important that you know what your child is doing on the internet and that you give yourself the ability to prevent your child(ren) from accessing the internet without your knowledge or permission. The apps and sites below are good tools to help – however the only fool proof way of knowing what pupils are up to is to ensure that they are with you when accessing the web and look at what they are doing!

A useful App for controlling the internet and Apps at home:

As children get older it can be extremely difficult to manage their time should they have a tablet or smartphone. As such we thought it would be prudent to draw this app to you attention:



OurPact parental control app enables parental involvement in children's device habits through Internet and application blocking.

You can set the times at which your child is allowed on the internet or block it totally. It is really easy to use! Whilst no system is perfect this app is much easier to use than most. It even allows you to have different settings for different children/devices – why not take a look?

Safer Searching

A lot of children have also told us that they are using google to search for things on their internet ready devices. There are safer search engines for children to use such as “Kidrex”. Kidrex is a safer search engine for children which uses googles safe search facility and screens for inappropriate content. As with all search engines it does not always filter out all of the sites that may cause concern but does ensure that there is less chance of your child accessing parts of the internet that he/she shouldn't:



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Dates for your Diary:

25 th Jan	Bag collection
1 st Feb	Film Night (fully booked)
5 th Feb	Swim Marathon <i>details to follow</i>
10 th Feb	Last day before half term

Head lice

We have placed a leaflet about head lice on the school website in the “News” section. We would be extremely grateful if all Parents/Carers were able to check their child's hair this weekend. The leaflet is very helpful.

Donations Needed:

Donations of unwanted Christmas Chocolate would be greatly appreciated. We will be holding a chocolate tombola at Easter.