



Bug Club

I wrote to parents last week with details of our new membership to Bug Club. This will give your children access to online reading books to use whilst home learning (the children in school can access these when at home too). Please use your child's Mathletics username and password to access Bug Club.



Online learning update

It is so good to see the children on a daily basis via the Zoom app. We have made a minor change to hopefully make it easier for each class. Each class teacher (including myself and Mrs Clark) has set up a recurring meeting, which means you can use the same link to access all the lessons with that person. Therefore, please keep the email you have been sent last week with this recurring meeting link on, as you and your children will need to use it until half term.

Parents of Class 2 and 3, please remember that on Friday the Zoom sessions with the class teacher do start at different times compared to those held on Monday through to Thursday. This is to accommodate Mrs Clark's music sessions with all 3 classes. If you are not sure of the timings, please refer to last week's newsletter which has a timetable on page 2.



Mathletics

It is really pleasing to see so many children now accessing the Mathletics platform, to practise their mathematical skills at home. I wanted to highlight one child who has gone above and beyond his peers. Stanley in Class 3 had scored over 20,000 points. To put that in context, the next highest in the class was approximately at 7000 points at the same point in time. Well done Stanley.

You might be unaware that as your children work through the questions in Mathletics, they are awarded 10 points per correct answer. Each piece of work they complete has 10 questions, therefore, 100 points are available.

Mathletics keeps a track of their points scored within one week, as well as over time. There is a bronze certificate that can be earned by scoring 1000 points within one week. Please note that they can't achieve more than one bronze certificate per week, even if they achieve more than 2000 points. Over time, when they have achieved 5 bronze certificates they will be awarded a silver certificate. There is a gold award too, which is hard to achieve as they will need to get 5 silver certificates over time.

If the children are answering all or the majority of questions correctly, or being awarded certificates, then they are given credit points. These can then be used to 'buy' items (no actual money is involved) for their profile avatar, including onesies, shoes, tops, hats and haircuts.



Protecting your children online

With the huge increase of time that your children will be spending online, I wanted to share with you some websites that provide guidance to parents about online safety. (Click on the blue links to access the resources)

We would advise that children are supervised, as often as possible, whilst they are accessing online material and using internet connected devices.

[NSPCC](#)

The NSPCC estimate that during the past nine months, the police recorded 90 cybercrimes per day against children involving child abuse images and sexual grooming offences.

The charity has continued to update its COVID-19 advice and support for parents and carers on various issues, and now has a range of information and advice about online safety. Topics covered include talking to children about online safety, the risks associated with online gaming and how to protect children, and parental controls.

Government

The government has updated its [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#) guidance. The guidance, which provides advice and information to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, now includes information on apps to help children stay safe online.

Net Aware

Net Aware has produced [8 tips for keeping your kids safe online during lockdown](#) for parents and carers.

[Internet Matters – helping parents and carers keep their children safe online](#)

Internet Matters is a not-for-profit organisation that has a simple purpose – to empower parents and carers to keep children safe in the digital world. See their website for further information.

[Parent Zone](#) for families

Parent Zone is a website with a range of digital age resources for families, including guides on digital platforms and trends.