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Dear Parents / Carers,

Computing Online Safety

Hopefully your child has told you about our wonderful new pink headphones. We have subscribed to Now Press Play to enhance our curriculum through a range of exciting experiences.

Our new iPads have begun to be used throughout school, again to enhance the curriculum and complement class teaching. Many of the activities that we complete are through Purple Mash, if your child has lost their Purple Mash home login please contact their class teacher for a replacement.

Our day to day experiences are now being shared more regularly on Twitter, if you are not already following us search @StJohnsCofEWW and hopefully we can reach five hundred followers very soon! Details of what is happening in individual classes are also now being shared on class blogs through Class Dojo. If you don't already have the app it can be downloaded from the app store for free and will give you regular updates about your child's class activities.

Class Dojo is also an excellent way to communicate with your child's class teacher directly; it has already been used as a way to discuss spellings and to find lost cardigans. Please ensure, however that absences from school are recorded through the school office or via your Parentmail app, rather than a message through Dojo as it is important that Mrs Hall is kept up to date with attendance.

Tuesday 6th February is National Safer Internet Day we will be teaching the importance of staying safe online throughout school. May I take this opportunity to encourage you to talk to your children about what they are watching on YouTube, who they are playing with in their Xbox party and who is following them on Instagram and Snapchat. Facebook is now out of fashion with younger generations and it is difficult as a parent to keep up to date with what our children are accessing. Often when sitting in safety of their own home, they could be chatting to complete strangers or accessing inappropriate material through YouTube which is not subject to the same restrictions as television or film.

Here are some links to websites that you may find helpful.

<http://parentinfo.org/articles/all>

<http://parentinfo.org/article/digital-resilience-a-parents-guide>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/safer-internet-day-2018-top-tips-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/21259413>

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/know-it-all-for-parents>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

Thank you for your continued support in this important matter, I'm sure that together we can work to keep our children safe in the ever changing world of technology.

Miss Oakley

