FAMILY NEWSLETTER

4th February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Parents' Evening - Thank you for "meeting" with your teacher this term. I hope you found the session productive and have a clear understanding of the learning outcomes and expectations for your child. We received very useful feedback about our home learning offer, including your experiences of using the new School Jotter.

As always, please keep us updated with any news from home. You can use Evidence for Learning to tell us what your child has been doing during the week or on a weekend. We also use Evidence for Learning to tell you about your child's learning and experiences in school. If you need more information about Evidence for Learning, please follow this link:
https://ellentinkham.devon.sch.uk/evidence-for-learning-parent-access/

Children's Mental Health Week 2021 – As you know, we have been taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week with the theme of "Express Yourself". Tomorrow, students across the Learn to Live Federation have been invited to dress up to express themselves. Place2Be's website has lots of activities to help children (and adults) to explore the different ways that they can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas. There are resources you can use with your child or young person at home; including activity ideas, tips for parents and carers and an online assembly. Visit www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk to find out more.

Online Safety - Children regularly use different websites and apps from their parents, and it can be hard to keep up in this ever-changing digital world. Being online gives children and young people opportunities to play, create, learn and connect with friends but there are risks. With such an increase in use of the internet during lockdown, it is more important than ever to keep our children and young people safe online.
The Net Aware website brings together the NSPCC's expertise in protecting children and O2's tech know-how to provide parents and carers with the latest information and advice on social media, apps and games your children/young people may be using.
Net Aware: Your guide to social networks, apps and games (net-aware.org.uk)

Gifts and Presents – Just a reminder that due to Covid-19 restrictions, we respectfully request pupils do not bring cards or gifts into school for anyone celebrating a birthday or any other special event. Thank you for your support.

Lastly, does anyone have a 3 wheeler bike for sale? One of our families is keen to find a bike suitable for a teenage boy who is about 5ft 6" tall. If you have a suitable 3 wheeler bike for sale, please could you call Kay in Indigo class on the Hollow Lane site and we can put you both in touch. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Jacqui Warne – Executive Head