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This week we have had a visit from Ofsted. Thank you for the positive response to Parent View. Thank you to the children and staff who continued their usual hard work. The report will be published a few weeks after half term.

Internet Safety

The internet has many strengths, which we discussed in assembly; however, it is important that children know how to be safe online so this week we celebrated Safer Internet Day. The key message this year was 'let's create a safer internet together.' Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet:

www.ceop.police.uk Another useful website for parents is: www.internetmatters.org



Alfie the Attendance Alligator

- Rhinos 96%
- Hippos 95.3%
- Tigers 93.9%
- Lions 96.3%
- Leopards 98.6%
- Panthers 97.5%
- Monkeys 90.7%
- Crocodiles 96%
- Pandas 100%**
- Zebras 99.6%
- Bears 93.6%
- Giraffes 97.7%
- Elephants 94.8%
- Penguins 91.7%



Frozen night

Our Frozen Fun night was a great success. Thank you to all the children who attended; the children I spoke to said that they had a great time. I have been told by some parents that they were still singing in bed! Thank you to all the staff who gave up their free time to make the evening a success!

Year 6 writing

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about early settlers in Maidstone. This week they imagined arriving dramatically via the River Medway. 'An aura of misery surrounded us. Waves were crashing furiously around the diminutive boat as we thrashed from side to side. Crash! Although I had a throbbing headache, I ventured on. All I could remember was the boat crashing against the colossal rocks.

Climbing enthusiastically over the enormous rocks, I was elated to see higher ground. Even though I was isolated, I didn't feel alone.' By CJ

Disco

Y3-6 disco is tonight Oaks' hall, Y3-6, 6:30-8pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Superstar corner

Well done to **Alyssa in Panthers** who stood up and read her prayer about love beautifully to the whole congregation at St Philips Church, making everyone very proud.

This week's letters home (or via parentmail):

All: Safer Internet Day, Ofsted

Year R:

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3: Tag rugby, hockey

Year 4: Tag rugby, hockey

Year 5: Tag rugby, hockey

Year 6: Tag rugby, hockey

Dates for your diary: New dates are in red

TONIGHT 13th Feb Friends' Valentine's Disco, KS2
6:30-8

16th—18th February (half term) Year 6 Bikeability part 2

23rd Feb Staff Development Day

24th Feb Early Parents Evening 3:30—5:30pm

26th Feb Late Parents Evening 5-8pm

5th March World Book Day—Dress Up

2nd—6th March Sponsored Reading event

13th March Wear red for Red Nose Day

13th March Friends' Mothers' Day Gifts

13th March Reading night- pupils + parents KS2 6-7pm

16th March Reading night- pupils + parents KS1 5-6pm

16th –19th March Book Fair 3:30-4

27th March Friends' Quiz Night, Oaks Hall, 7:30

30th March E-Safety Sessions Year 5/6

ADVANCE DATE: Friday June 26th AM—Sports Day. We will be extending sports day this year to include a family picnic afterwards (weather permitting!)



E-Safety

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Other useful websites you might like to visit:

<http://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-live/online-privacy-and-safety/online-safety>

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parent-Factsheet-0413.pdf>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ufiles/Facebook-checklist-Nov2013.pdf>

<http://www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullyingOverview.pdf>

<http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)

is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. www.ceop.police.uk

March is Book Month!

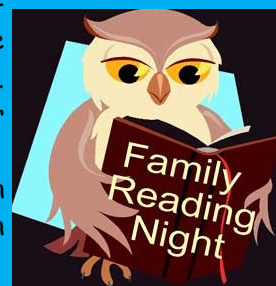
As March 5th is World Book Day, we will be holding the following book events throughout March.....

- **World Book Day** 5th March—Dress up as a book character, whole school reading and writing project

- **Sponsored Reading Event** run by the Friends—2nd—6th March. More info to follow.

- **Family Reading Nights**—Friday 13th March 6-7pm for KS2 and Monday 16th March 5-6pm for EYFS and KS1. Children, parents and grandparents are invited to come and share a variety of children's stories read by our teachers. Hot chocolate will be served. Pyjamas and slippers are encouraged! There will be no charge for the entry or hot chocolate. Year 6 will be selling cakes for a small donation.

- **Book Fair** from 3:30—4 Mon 16th -Thurs 19th March in Oaks' hall.



Thinking question.....

If you could invent something that would make life easier for people, what would you invent?

All suggestions to Miss Ridout welcome, the best will be read in Friday's assembly. All suggestions earn 2tps.

Don't forget Monday 23rd February is a staff development day so we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 24th February. Have a fantastic half term

Miss Ridout