

# Christ Church School

*Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance*

Love Courage Honesty Faith Forgiveness



## COMPUTING NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2020

### **Positive Digital Footprint**

The Parent Info website has published an interesting article to support you with your child's digital footprint. This is something that we talk a lot about in school, stressing that children need to be thinking NOW about their online reputation. The main points are:

- Watch what they share
- Check their settings
- Get involved in groups or blogs to share hobbies or interests
- Search regularly for your name and see what comes up
- Use strong passwords

[You can read the whole article here.](#)

### **Be Smart Code**

In our last newsletter in the spring we mentioned our new Be Smart Code to support Digital Literacy. We have had a lot of positive feedback from the children, some of whom helped to design the new code.

Our new code has 5 pillars:

Be Sharp and Think - what is safe to share?

Be Alert and Check - is it a scam?

Be Secure and Protect - create strong passwords

Be Kind and Respect - respect other people

Be Brave and Discuss - ask for help from a trusted adults

More about each pillar in future newsletters.

### **Chromebooks**

A huge thank you to the Friends of Christ Church School who have paid for a set of Chromebooks for year3. This means that every year group across KS2 has access to a bank of 30 Chromebooks. These devices make a huge difference to the children's learning. If you are fortunate enough to be considering purchasing a device for your child, then a Chromebook is certainly worth investigating. We have also received a small bank of Chromebooks from the Government which can be loaned out on a temporary basis to children who are self isolating. If you have not been contacted by Mrs Elfred about this please email her and she will check your eligibility. Her email address is [jelfred@christchurch.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:jelfred@christchurch.croydon.sch.uk)

### **Using Social Media**

A number of children are telling us that they have their own social media accounts, including WhatsApp, Instagram and TikTok

Please be aware that the age limit for social media accounts is 13 and for WhatsApp it is 16 The [NSPCC's net aware site](#) will help you to stay informed.

If you are happy to allow your child to use your own account, then that is your decision. However, if a child has created their own account, they will have provided a false date of birth and that is contrary to our school value of Honesty.

If you are happy to allow your child to break the rules to have their own account, then please ensure that the privacy settings are "private" so that they cannot contact or be contacted by people they don't know offline. Make sure that you know what they are doing, whom they are in contact with and what the dangers are. **Above all, please check what they are posting.**