

# Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter



## ONLINE SAFETY

**Did you know the official age rating for TikTok is 13+?**

TikTok is a social media platform that is very popular at the moment, users upload videos they have made and share them online. Whilst a lot of these videos are harmless, some involve more adult/distressing subjects such as suicide, self-harm and violence. Please find out more information by looking at this brilliant website:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

**Did you know the games your child plays on XBOX, PlayStation etc. have PEGI age ratings?**

Games have PEGI ratings which will give you a guide to what age they are suitable for, the older the rating the more inappropriate material your child will be able to view. For example, a PEGI 12 rating may include sexual innuendos and mild swearing, as well as graphic violence towards fantasy characters. So please check the ratings on your child's games.

At Stroud Valley School we are committed to raising the awareness of online safety. Our children are growing up in a digital age and whilst this has huge benefits, it also has many pitfalls. We now have an 'online safety' information tab on the home page of our website: it has links to lots of really helpful guides to gaming, social media apps etc. Please explore the page, many of the guides are written in a child friendly manner and we recommend reading them with your children about the games they may be playing. Some of the guides are for slightly older children, but we encourage you to have age appropriate conversations with you child/children.

Through the national curriculum we teach children how to stay safe online and this happens across all year groups. Have a look at these websites for more information:

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



18th September 2020  
School and Governor  
Contact  
( 01453 764400)  
Parentline Plus Helpline  
( 0808 800 2222)  
School Nurse Contact  
( 0300 421 8959)

### Dates for your diary

September	
29th	Whole school individual photos
October	
13th & 14th	Parents' Evenings
23rd	INSET DAY
26th-30th	Half Term

### NEW LETTERBOX

We now have a new letter box at the top gate—please put any forms/payments securely in an envelope with your child's name etc.

### SCHOOL COLLECTION/DROP OFF

We are as concerned around the issues at school drop off and collection times and cars continuing to use Castle Street as you are.

We are exploring all avenues to enable us to legally close this road at these times.

**In the meantime, please play your part by keeping your children close to you and leaving the area as quickly as possible.**

### COVID UPDATE

The school has been asked by the Local Authority to advise you not to contact NHS 111 for queries about testing and general COVID-19 queries as the service is currently being overwhelmed. Advice can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

For test requests, the number to use is 119.

### PARENTS' EVENING

This year parent/teacher meetings will be conducted by telephone. You will receive a letter to indicate your chosen time slot as per normal next Friday.

# PTFA

## Message from the PTFA

### Calendar Photography Competition

How are our young creatives doing with exploring all the things they love best about Stroud? We are intending to produce a unique school calendar this year to help raise funds and we need your photographs - any image that shows off Stroud. Please send your images in the highest quality possible via email to [stroudvalleyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stroudvalleyptfa@gmail.com). Submissions must be in by 30<sup>th</sup> September - so get clicking!

### School re-decoration

We need a little of your time to help decorate the old library room. The room needs preparation (filling, sanding, painting) and we will be having a DIY day on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept from 10AM. If you are happy to volunteer please get in touch via the PTFA email. We will be observing social distancing guidelines and the "Rule of Six", so hopefully we get enough people and can organise shifts. Thank you for your support!

### Class Reps

We need more class reps. particularly for Sunshine, Rainbow, Ruby and Diamond classes. It really is a simple role, so if you have any inclination to get involved, please get in touch. You will be supported all the way.

### Classlist App

Another reminder to update your children's classes in the app to make sure you are receiving the correct information from your reps. Simply go into your profile and click on "view & edit your profile"- you can change the classes there.