



Online Safety Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our monthly online safety newsletter. In school, we teach the children how to navigate the internet in a safe and respectful way. We teach them to become responsible digital citizens so that they can enjoy their time online. Throughout the past year, children's device usage and online behaviours (what they are doing e.g. online gaming) has changed significantly with Ofcom's most recent study of children's media use and attitudes showing that nearly all children aged 5 and over are now accessing online material. It's our aim, by publishing a monthly newsletter, to keep parents and carers better informed as to how you can support your child at home as well as keeping you up to date with possible risks identified and changes in children's online usage.

Take a break from screen time with Shaun the Sheep Farmageddon Glow Trail App

With the bank holiday weekend coming up why not get out and get active in your garden or other outdoor space with this updated app from Forestry England which features Shaun the Sheep. You will have to complete challenges and solve puzzles. More information is available here:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/shaunthesheep>

Sharing videos and images

Net Aware have produced some guidance for parents and carers to help with any concerns they may have about how their child is sharing images or videos online through apps such as Instagram and TikTok.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-i-be-worried-about-my-child-sharing-videos-and-images-online2/>

If you have any queries, concerns or are able to offer other concerned parents advice on any aspect of online safety, we'd love to hear from you for future newsletters. Please send any queries to j.rogers@oaktree.swindon.sch.uk

TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. It's grown in popularity during the pandemic amongst users of all ages. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.

How to stay safe:

- Talk to your child about the app. Ask them to show you how it works.
- Make sure they are confident and know how to report offensive or unkind comments or block users.
- Read the parents advice guide for up to date information.

More information is available here <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

