

Dear Parents

Happy new year and welcome back to a new term at Homelands!

### CELEBRATIONS

The last day of the autumn term saw a special assembly of celebration. As well as **Star of the Term** certificates I had great pleasure in awarding certificates for **100% attendance**, **Good to be Green** behaviour and our new **Keys to Independence** gold award. A few children in each class received recognition for their learning behaviours in Reflection, Communication or Personal & Social Responsibility.



Classteachers nominated pupils who are consistently able to talk their progress and learning and use previous learning to move forward; pupils who are routinely interested in listening to and learning from others and making independent choices about effective methods of communicating ideas; pupils who consistently maintain focus on work and respect the rights of others to learn. These are vital skills for lifelong learning and I hope to award many more of these special certificates in the future—they are unique to Homelands!

### CURRICULUM

Alongside the art, geography and history study units planned this term we continue with our **Keeping Safe** theme by welcoming back the Life Education Centre in February and basing class discussion and activity around personal responsibility for safety.

There has been much in the news recently about online safety and parental responsibility for their child's safety online. To support you we have invited Colette Hudson from the NSPCC to run a workshop for parents later this month:



*Will you join us and help keep all children safe online?*

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Together, they're offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives.

*Online safety workshops for parents*

As part of this, they're running free **online safety workshops for parents and carers** and will be hosting one at **HOMELANDS** at 2pm on **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**. We would like to invite all parents and carers to join.

The hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. RSVP by replying to this email.

Until then, if you need any support or guidance, check out our [website pages](#) and [step-by-step guides online](#), call the **O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline** on **0808 800 5002**, or pop into your local O2 store for help from a Guru.

It is frightening to think that our children converse and socialise online without understanding many of the inherent dangers—stranger danger is as relevant when children are playing on tablets and phones as when they are playing outside in the road or at the park.

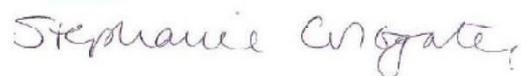
# Homelands Primary School Newsletter

JANUARY

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 19th January 2017	F2 to Pizza Express
	Year 5 Basketball at Cuthbert Mayne
Tuesday 24th January	2pm Online Safety Workshop
Week Beginning 6th February	KS1 Bikeability
Friday 10th February	Break Up for half term
Monday 20th February	Return after half term
	Life Education Bus arrives

Yours sincerely



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