



# The "SNU"

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## Dates For Your Diary

- **Monday 6 February to Thursday 9 February**
- **Wednesday 8 February**
- **Friday 10 February to Saturday 18 February**
- **Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February**
- **Monday 20 February**
- Educational Visit to Naples for Geography Students
- Parents' Forum at 1900hrs in the Library
- Educational Visit to Austria, Skiing
- Half Term
- Back to School

## Do you ever feel that your children know more about online technologies than you do?



You're not alone. The Internet and online technologies are an important part of children's lives at home and school, providing great opportunities for learning, communicating, playing and creating. As we know, these technologies create huge opportunities for us all; however, they can sometimes be a bit overwhelming, and present challenges to keeping your family safe online.

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual event to promote the safe and responsible use of technology among children and young people. The focus of SID 2012 is 'connecting generations'. It aims to encourage families to explore online technologies together. SID 2012 will be taking place on Tuesday 7 February with activities across the UK and beyond which we would like you to be a part of.

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) is the UK's national centre dedicated to protecting children from harm both online and offline. CEOP's Thinkuknow education initiative aims to empower children and young people to enjoy online technologies safely. Each year CEOP celebrates SID to highlight the importance of educating children and young people about their online safety.

It is just as important to be involved in your children's life online, than it is offline. Just as you would ask about their friends at school or the clubs they go to, you should use this approach with the people they meet online – ask the same questions and show the same interest.

To help get you started, CEOP are releasing the 'Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet' - a short, entertaining TV-style programme looking at what it's like to bring up children in the online world. The programme will help you to:

- stay up-to-date with the technology your children are using;
- understand steps you can take to keep your children safe online; and
- know what action to take and where to seek further support if things go wrong.

Visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) on Tuesday 7 February. From this day, you will be able to view the 'Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet' and have access to information and guidance on how to keep your family safe online.



**Mrs S Wynn CEOP Ambassador**

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# Line Dancing!

With Elaine from Stars and Stripes

Saturday 28 January 2012



1930 - 2300hrs

Peace Memorial Hall  
Penkridge

Adult - £7.50

Child - £5

Includes jacket  
potato supper

Tickets available  
from Angela:  
01785 712922



## Penny Wars



Mark Stefanyszyn, an ex student of our school, has contacted us to see if we would be able to help him raise money for a challenge event he is going to be doing called 'India on Two Wheels' on behalf of the charity Childreach. As a result, we are going to be holding a number of charity events in order to raise money. The first event is called 'Penny Wars' and will be run as a house competition. The house with the most points at the end of the 'Penny War' will win. 1p and 2p coins will gain a house 1 point and 2 points respectively. However, pupils can sabotage another house's points total by bringing in silver coins. Silver coins act as point deductors. For instance, for every 5 pence that ends up in a house pot of coins, 5 points will be deducted. Please support this event by rummaging down the back of your sofa for change and giving to your child to bring in to school. The 'Penny War' will run from 16 January - 29 January. Let battle commence!

*Miss Lodge, House Leader*

## Payment Reminder

Just a reminder that payment is now due for educational visits to Austria, CERN and Naples. Please send final balances to the school office or use our on-line payment system. Copies of passports and EHIC should also be sent into school.

## And Finally...

Congratulations to Mrs Davies, ICS Department, for giving birth to another beautiful daughter earlier this month. Baby Ellie was born a healthy and bonny 9lb 3oz, a sister for Isabel.



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