A Christmas present from Scomis
Online Service 'Bonus' Newsletter Nº3

For Schools:

The Christmas holiday break is nearly here so we've put together an extra Newsletter for this term!

Did you know the Government has confirmed the UK will implement EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)?
Karen Bradley MP 'We will be members of the EU in 2018 and therefore it would be expected and quite normal for us to opt into the GDPR…..'
Does your school have a Data Protection Officer?
Read more:
http://blog.ict4c.co.uk/government-confirms-eu-gdpr/

Ransomware

- **Have you considered your school's Cyber Protection?**
- **What 'cyber protection' does your school have in place?**
- **Does your school have a policy in place for managing, maintaining and reviewing cyber security?**
- **Does your school have an appropriate and up to date strategy in place to ensure the security and integrity of your network and systems?**
- **Does your school rely on in-house expertise to maintain your firewall?**

Review the National Education Network's (NEN) guidance for schools:
http://www.nen.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/NEN_Guidance_Note_12_Ransomware.pdf

Review the BBC's video on the dangers of Ransomware
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-38123403

Schools can access a free Data Protection toolkit which includes:
- Records Management
- Information Security
- Data Sharing and subject access

https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/improve-your-practices/data-protection-self-assessment-toolkit/

Ofcom publishes Children and parents; media use and attitudes report

Facts from the report highlight:
- Youngsters 5-15 are spending up to 15 hours each week online
- Children aged 3-4 are spending more than 8 hours a week online
- 73% of youngsters (5-15) use YouTube
- 4/10 8-11 year olds claim they prefer watching YouTube to the television

Read the report in full:
https://www.ofcom.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0034/93976/Children-Parents-Media-Use-Attitudes-Report-2016.pdf

Important Dates
9th February – Scomis special event
22nd March – Spring webinar
14th June – Summer webinar

28th January 2017 -Data Privacy Day
Celebrated in the United States, Canada and 27 European countries to raise awareness and promote data privacy education:
http://www.cute-calendar.com/event/data-privacy-day/19820.html

7th February 2017 - Safer Internet Day (SID)
The theme for SID is *'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'.* Organised by Insafe and celebrated around the world to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology.
https://www.saferinternetday.org/

For Parents:

Online Safety Advice for children and young people with Learning Disabilities.

Have you heard of **Cerebra**?
The charitable organisation Cerebra works for children with neurological problems:
http://w3.cerebra.org.uk/ Visit their website to view and download their guide for parents **'Learning Disabilities, Autism and Internet Safety'**.

The guide outlines:

- some suggestions to help parents reduce the risk of their child having negative experiences online and to understand the action to take if they do

- some resources that will help children get the most out of the Internet at home and in the community

- some case studies of actual experiences people with learning difficulties and autism have had online and learning points gained

http://w3.cerebra.org.uk/help-and-information/guides-for-parents/learning-disabilities-autism-and-internet-safety-a-parents-guide/

Download their Infographic 'Play It Safe' which provides tips for staying safe online when using the Internet on a computer and mobile phone.

Are you looking for advice before purchasing console games for Christmas?
Parentzone has published advice and guidance including short video clips:
http://parentzone.org.uk/article/choosing-right-console-games-christmas

Visit:
http://www.askaboutgames.com/
Where families can make sense of video games and where parents/carers can access a wide range of information and advice about online safety for families:
http://www.askaboutgames.com/playing-safe-online-useful-information-for-parents/

Looking for help with Social Media settings?
Visit the UK Safer Internet Centre to find out about the safety features on a number of sites including:
YouTube
WhatsApp
Twitter
Tumblr
http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-help

Purchasing an iPad/iPhone for your child at Christmas?
The following advice from Apple should help you in setting up an Apple ID. We would recommend not using full name when setting up the account.

https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201084

Parental settings for iPhone can be found at:
http://www.imore.com/how-enable-parental-control-restrictions-your-iphone-or-ipad

The following links provide excellent advice for parents and they are constantly updated!
https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/

For further help you can contact the NSPCC/o2 Helpline

The number is 08088005002