



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid update

We have made it to February – which you have to take as a positive!! Only a week and a half to half term when we can all have a bit of a break. We are pleased that Mr Tye, Matt and Mrs Allford are back at work and are feeling considerably better, even though not fully recovered.

I know Mr Boris Johnson's announcement last week that schools would be 'closed' for considerably longer was not great news for parents and I have again been inundated with many requests for school places for children but I am afraid we are really at full capacity, even with key worker parents having their children at home on their days off. I know my responses to individual emails may not be what parents want to hear but I have to do my best to be consistent and fair. I'm also quite stuck in a difficult position of trying to keep my staff safe and cater for all children's needs – it is an impossible situation and I want to apologise for not being able to cater for everyone's requests.

Parent Evening bookings via Zoom

Parent evenings (consultations) will be on the two consecutive Mondays – 1st and 8th March. You can make the zoom appointments like last time. The booking system will be open next week and we will email you the link.

Safer Internet Day

It's Safer Internet Day on 9th Feb – seems more apt this year than ever before! If you'd like some information on staying safe then check out the links below.

Safer internet day websites:-

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-work-young-people>
Think-you-know

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/online-toolkits-online-version/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=c11453ea08-TUK_GLOBAL_25_01_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-c11453ea08-55353881
(you need a log-in for this but registration is free)

BBC Bitesize

KS1 – esafety

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymykqt>

KS2 – esafety

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv63d2p>

KS3 – esafety

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvc9q6f>

Weekly fun task

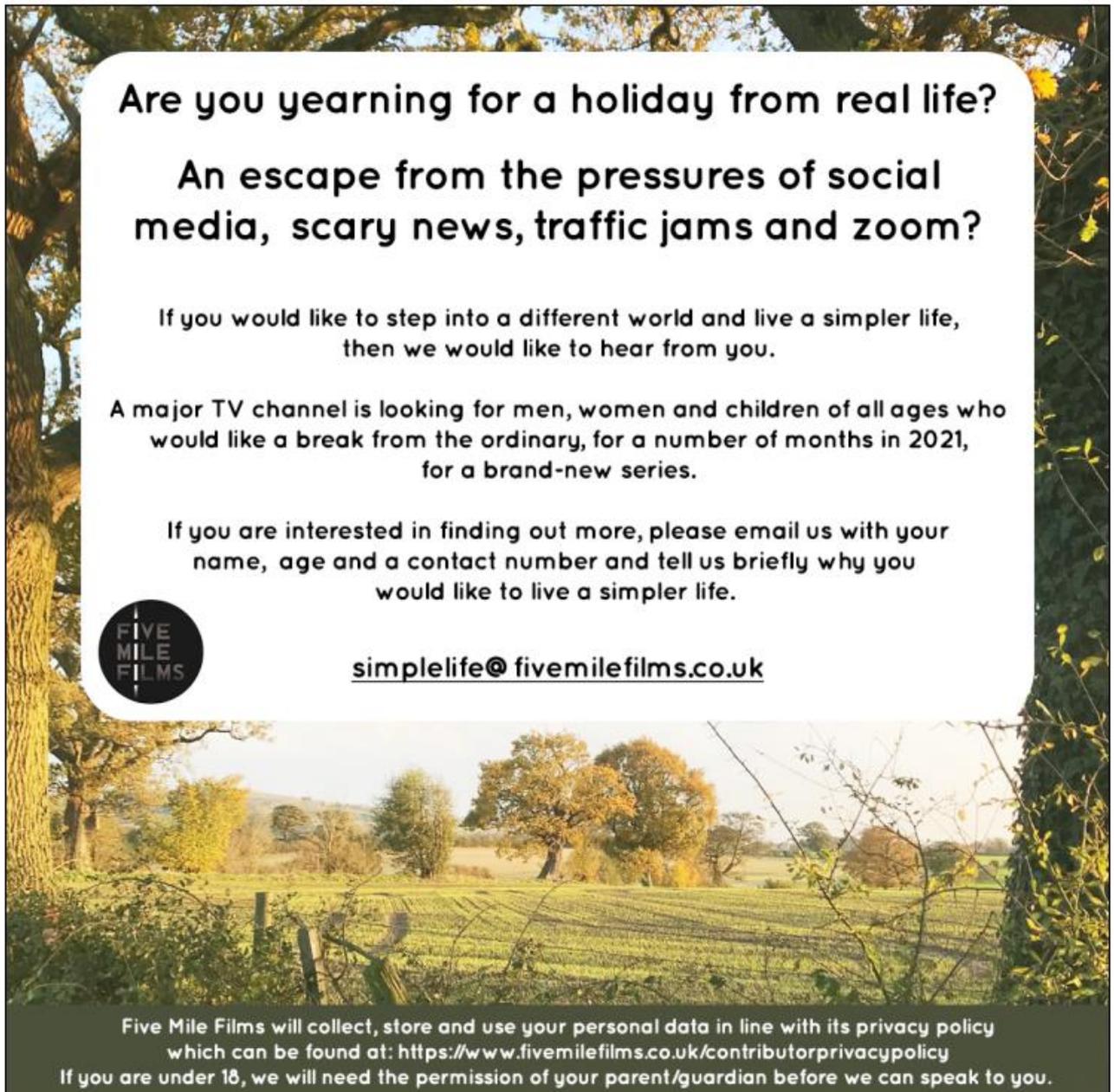
This week's fun task is just that, in 2 parts:

1. Have some fun outdoors and take a photo of you all laughing your socks off and send them in! We could all do with some extra fun and laughter.
2. Can you also make a list of fun things you can do together as a whole family at half term and send those in too. We can share ideas with other families as inspiration may be running a bit dry!

This time email all to head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk and I will share with all the staff.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



Are you yearning for a holiday from real life?

An escape from the pressures of social media, scary news, traffic jams and zoom?

If you would like to step into a different world and live a simpler life, then we would like to hear from you.

A major TV channel is looking for men, women and children of all ages who would like a break from the ordinary, for a number of months in 2021, for a brand-new series.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email us with your name, age and a contact number and tell us briefly why you would like to live a simpler life.

 simplelife@fivemilefilms.co.uk

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If you are under 18, we will need the permission of your parent/guardian before we can speak to you.



Embargoed until Monday, 25 January 2021 – 09:00 GMT

ENVISION VIRGIN RACING INVITES CHILDREN TO DESIGN ECO-INSPIRED RACE-SUIT TO BE WORN BY DRIVERS

- Formula E team launches international lockdown competition in partnership with illustrator Rob Biddulph, National Geographic Kids and UN's COP26
- Winning design to be made by team's Official Supplier OMP and worn by drivers at race event
- Contest part of team's 'Race Against Climate Change' programme



Sustainability focused Formula E team Envision Virgin Racing is today launching a unique children's competition with a once in a lifetime prize.

Open to children under the age of 16, the contest challenges youngsters to create an environmentally inspired race-suit, with the winning design to be worn by the team's drivers – Robin Frijns and Nick Cassidy – at an actual race later in the season.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO FIND OUT MORE AND ENTER THE CONTEST

The initiative is being run in conjunction with popular children's illustrator Rob Biddulph ([#DrawWithRob](#)), National Geographic Kids and the UN's global climate summit COP26 'Together for Our Planet', with whom the team recently partnered with.

It follows on from its previous competition last summer to design a nature-led car livery and aims to highlight to a younger audience the urgent need to tackle climate change.

Part of the team's 'Race Against Climate Change' programme, the competition is looking to find the most creative eco-design and will run until February 25 – the eve of the opening rounds of the new Formula E season in Diriyah, Saudi Arabia. The team have linked up with award-winning illustrator [#DrawWithRob](#) to create a tutorial video on how to draw a race-suit before creating a bespoke design.



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