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Newsletter

Cash for kids total £600.
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everyone
who donated.



**SMOKE
FREE**



Please can we ask for parents and carers to refrain from smoking at the front of school. We have many children who are struggling with asthma and this can be harmful if they are walking through clouds of smoke before entering school.

Earrings

When I greet the KS2 children in the morning, there are an alarming number of girls with earrings in. Earrings in the first 6-10 weeks should be covered with plasters / tape at home and then after healing period these earrings should be removed. This forms part of our uniform policy which all parents sign up to when attending the school. This follows the LCC guidance linked to H&S and these being caught on something and torn out.

We would always advise children to have their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays to be removed on the return to school to avoid any curriculum areas such as swimming and PE being missed due to H&S reasons.



The prefects did not want us to miss out on supporting Children in Need therefore have arranged for a **non-uniform day on Friday the 19th November** for a £1 donation. This will tie in with the odd socks day the anti-bullying ambassadors had arranged.

They will also be selling headbands (£2.50), Pudsey wristbands (£1) and glow in the dark wristbands (£1) in school and after school to raise money.

We are asking for cash as this can be banked directly into the Children in Need account therefore we do not need a school account.

Thank you to the anti-bullying ambassadors and the digital leaders for their work in educating our school community on bullying and online safety. You have made all of the staff very proud with your efforts.



Bad Points: Based on extreme tension and Stealth Horror, many children around the PEGI Age Rating may find this a distressing game.

Good Points: This is no blood or gore in this game, play it as a family and you may find it is actually quite enjoyable and an experience to share. Think of it like a scary movie night.

About

This game is based on Stealth Horror and Extremely Intense feelings of Tension. You move into a brand new suburb and notice your neighbour is hiding something in his basement. The only logical thing to do is to break into his house and figure out what he's hiding. You play against an advanced AI (Computer Artificial Intelligence) that learns from your every move. Really enjoying climbing through that backyard window? Expect a bear trap there. Sneaking through the front door? There'll be cameras there soon. Trying to escape? The Neighbour will find a shortcut and catch you.

This game has many versions, including; Hello Neighbor: Hide & Seek, Secret Neighbor & Hello Neighbor 2.

Many of these version are now free to Play on the Xbox Game Pass as well as Mini Game sites on the PC.

Is the content suitable for my child?

The concept is to break into someones house, plus the stealth horror basis of the game may make this game unsuitable for very young children. As a parent/carer you will be able to judge this quite well once you see the game yourself. **Online Safety UK recommends this game is not played by children under the age of 10, as the follow up games are PEGI 12 and the content is very similar, you may find a 7 year old finds the game very jumpy and may become upset.**

Can you play with others?

On the regular versions, only "Secret Neighbor" is a multiplayer online game. The other three versions do not offer an online version where you can play with others. Secret Neighbor allows you to team up with other players, you may or may not know who they are. Within Secret Neighbor you can "voice chat" with those players you're playing with, so keep an eye on these conversations and who they are with, if you allow your child to do this.

Reporting & Safety

Reporting information is hard to come by, within the game you can report but there is no information as to where that goes or if anything is done about it in a timely manner. In terms of safety, you only really need to focus on this if your child is to use Secret Neighbor and the only Safety advice that can be given is to keep tabs and monitor your child's conversations with who they're playing with and from time to time check in on their 'friends list' to see if they've added anyone they've met, and explore why.

A lot of the children in school have been talking about this game at breaktimes and acting it out. The above information is to educate parents and carers further on the premise of the game.

