ICT and Computing Courses at Alston Lane

Dear Parents and Carers

We recently advertised IT courses on the newsletter for parents and children. These are great opportunities for families to learn together and for parents, grandparents/wider family members to increase their skills. All courses would be delivered in school. (dates and times to be arranged).
Please have a look at the following free courses. I have reduced the number to hopefully attract more interest as we would need 8 participants for each course to run.

Course	Target Group	Course length	Course Description	Course objectives
Coding in the Classroom	Parents and children in junior classes Minimum 8 families Are needed	1 session of 2.5 hours	This single session course will introduce learners to the subject of computer coding and how it's being taught in the classroom. Topics will include Scratch Jr, Daisy Dinosaur, Lego Robotics and the BBC micro:bit. Children can join the second half of the session to show their parents how they are using the applications and to encourage interactivity between parent and child.	1. Define some key terms used in teaching children about coding. 2. Discover and use different coding applications that your child is, and will potentially be using in the future. 3. State how you will use what you have learned on the course, in the future. 4. Demonstrate that you can actively support your child in a learning experience. 5. Identify further learning opportunities and aspirations.
Digital Families	Parents and children in infants or junior classes	6 weekly sessions of 2.5 hours each	During this free course you will have the opportunity to explore how KS1 and KS2 children are taught to code, use applications and websites in the classroom, and understand how to keep you and your child safe online so that you are better equipped to support your children with their learning outside of the classroom.	1. Understand what is meant by 'applications' and know some key terms used in teaching this subject. 2. Use resources to develop your practical skills for using applications and websites. 3. Understand what is meant by online safety. 4. Define some key terms used in teaching children about online safety. 5. Identify how to keep a child safe online. 6. Use resources to develop your practical skills in coding. 7. Demonstrate that you can actively support your child in a learning experience 8. List 2 ways you have developed your confidence in supporting your child's learning & development during this course 9. Identify further learning opportunities and aspirations
Keep your Child Safe Online	Parents of children aged up to 11 years.	1 session of 2.5 hours	Worried about what your child is doing online and unsure how to protect them. This taster session aims to give parents an overview of how to help keep their child safe online, including practical tips and advice.	1. Demonstrate an awareness of what is meant by e-safety and state 3 key terms 2. Identify the potential online threats and list ways to prevent abuse to keep you and your child safe 3. Set parental controls on various devices 4. Identify some useful websites to keep your child safe and how to access further help and support 5. Identify further courses to support your progression in the subject

If you would like to attend one or more of these courses, please sign up on the registration sheet at the school office, or telephone us to do this for you.

Thank you