stay CLEAR
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It was a big day in the sky above Planet WotWot.

Two famous explorers were coming home from their latest adventures on Planet Earth.
The Kiddets were so excited. DottyWot and SpottyWot were their heroes, and they had been waiting all morning to greet them.

‘Look’, shouted Stripes, ‘here they come.’ The Free Ranger spaceship was landing right outside the Kiddets’ window!
‘We can have a WELCOME HOME party,’ said Dapper, ‘with dancing and singing and yummy food and ...more dancing.’

‘Let’s do it!’ said Bounce.
‘No party yet,’ said Luna, ‘they need to stay on their own for a while in case they caught coughs and colds on Planet Earth.’

‘That’s terrible,’ said Dapper, ‘what’s more important than a party?’

‘Staying healthy,’ said Stripes, ‘it’s time to, stay clear, stay clean, and stay kind.’
‘It’s how we keep coughs and colds from spreading through the space-port,’ said Luna.

‘That’s right,’ said Patches, ‘we remember three things: Stay Clear, Stay Clean, and Stay Kind.’
'Excellent,’ said Stripes, ‘who wants to explain why it’s important to - Stay Clear?’

‘Me!’ said Bounce, ‘I’ll even show you!’
‘I’ll make us a dirty-squirty, sneezing machine.’
‘It’s toolbox time,’ said Bounce, and he raced off to build his dirty-squirty, sneezing machine.
'Colds are spread by little germs that ride on our coughs and sneezes,’ said Luna.

‘The germs are too small to see, so to make sure they can’t reach us when someone sneezes, we - STAY CLEAR.’
‘Thanks Luna,’ said Bounce, ‘those germs may be too small for us to see, but we’ll see the sneezy bubbles from my machine! What do you think, Dapper?’
Dapper didn’t answer, but he WAS thinking. He was thinking about writing a new song. It was Dapper’s special way to remember something, he would write a song about it.
At last the machine was ready!

‘Imagine this is a gigantic nose,’ laughed Bounce, ‘and it’s going to spray you with sneezy germs!’

Spread out Kiddets, it’s time to -

STAY CLEAR!
Hundreds of dirty squirty bubbles came sneezing out from his amazing machine.
The dirty-squirty bubbles went splattering out over the Kiddets’ play space.

‘I stayed clear,’ said Luna, no splatters reached me!’
‘I’m clear, too,’ said Patches, ‘no bubbles splattered on me.’

‘I stayed clear’, said Dapper, ‘no splatters reached me or my trusty guitar.’
‘I was ...too close,’ sighed Stripes.
Patches got out their floor mops. ‘It’s time to practice the next part,’ she said, ‘it’s time to ...Stay Clean!’
Stripes asked if the amazing machine could blow clean soap bubbles as well. ‘It sure can,’ said Bounce.
Stripes switched on the amazing super-soapy cleaning machine.

‘Wow! So many soap bubbles!
Let’s get cleaning!’
The Kiddets set to work and began cleaning their play space from top to bottom.
‘We’ve cleaned our play space,’
said Patches, ‘now we clean our hands. It’s a great way to stop germs from spreading.’
Stripes took a warm shower while the others washed their hands. He thought about SpottyWot and DottyWot out in their spaceship.

Then he thought about Dapper and the *welcome home* party,...and he had an excellent idea.
He told the others his excellent idea. ‘We can put on a show for SpottyWot and DottyWot so they don’t get bored.’

‘Yes!’ Dapper was really excited, ‘it will be like a welcome home party - but much, MUCH BIGGER!’
The Kiddets called SpottyWot and DottyWot and told them the plan.

‘Woohoo!’ cheered SpottyWot, ‘that’s wotty wonderful.’
When the show started, SpottyWot and DottyWot watched it from the comfort of their spaceship. It began with dancing shadow puppets.
Next there was a play starring a dragon and a beautiful princess. Then Dapper made an important announcement - his new song was ready.
Stay Clear, Stay Clean, Stay Kind,
It’s time for us to shine,
So sing with me
This One -Two -Three:
Stay Clear, Stay Clean, Stay Kind.

Stay inside your bubble,
Away from germy trouble;
Always wash your hands,
Wash them when you can;
And remember to be kind,
Show kindness all the time,

Sing with me
This One -Two -Three,
Stay Clear, Stay Clean, Stay Kind.
It was the best *Welcome Home* party
- EVER!
Thank you
Stay Clear, Stay Clean, Stay Kind.

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