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E-Safety & Safeguarding (Issue 3)

Welcome to the Autumn term edition of our E-Safety and Safeguarding newsletter. We have chosen to focus on digital literacy and resilience online.

This half term, our e-safety and safeguarding newsletter looks at how parents can help their children to stay safe on social networks, how we can encourage our children to be digitally literate and be responsible online. We have also found a fun online quiz for parents about sharing information on the Internet – do you over-sharent?

Need to know more about social networks?

The mobile phone company 02 and the NSPCC have set up a fantastic website that allows parents and carers to find out more about the social networks their children use. www.net-aware.org.uk allows adults to search for the network or app their children currently use and provides really useful information about privacy settings, safety and support. There are also 'top tips' which give practical advice about how to check security settings for each app.

Do you over-sharent?

How much information do you share about your children? Almost 71% of parents in the UK share more than 5 images of their children each week on social media and 21% of parents have set up a social media account for their child. Try the online quiz to find out more: www.nhtschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Article-4-Are-you-a-sharent.pdf

It can be really challenging talking to young children about the internet and how to stay safe, without scaring them or making them worry. The Think U Know site has age appropriate cartoons which get the message across and could be a useful conversation starter with your younger children.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

Let's look at Digital Literacy!

UNICEF recently published a 'State of the World's children' report, which looks at how digitally literate our children are and how digital technology is affecting their lives. It reports that one in three internet users are under 18 and highlights the need to safeguard children's privacy and identity online. This also involves teaching children more about digital literacy, so that they are kept informed, engaged and safe whilst using the internet. Our safety message at school reflects this – we teach the children what a wonderful tool the internet can be and encourage them to explore the net to support their learning, whilst also teaching about safety and being responsible online.

What will Santa bring to your house?

Will Santa be bringing any new devices for your children this Christmas? Have a look at the article produced by EE and the Internet Matters team, who give valuable advice about how to set up new devices to ensure your children can stay safe.

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/together-ee-helping-keep-kids-safe-online-christmas/

Thank you for all of your support this year. We will continue to produce our safety newsletters each term to help you keep up to date with current apps, networks and news reports about online safety.
Please contact us via the school office if you have any suggestions for future newsletters or workshops within school.
Have a very Happy Christmas and we'll see you in 2018!