



Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February with the slogan 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: a better internet starts with you.'

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations getting involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Globally, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe. All partners recognise the unparalleled opportunities the internet offers and actively encourage its positive use for social, leisure, economic and educational advancement. The partners all work to make the Internet a great and safe place for children. The UK Safer Internet Centre is online at [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk).

During the day your child will have the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. The work they produce will be celebrated on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am in our Awards Assembly. It would be lovely if you could join us.

If you are able to join us on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm, the NSPCC and O2 are offering a free online safety workshop. See the letter outlining all the details overleaf – if you are intending to join us, please complete the reply slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. We really hope that you will be able to attend the workshop on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February and please ask your children what they have learnt about staying safe online.

Yours sincerely,

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