

Thursday 1st February 2024

Dear parents/carers,

On **Tuesday 6th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2024**.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet. This year the campaign will be focusing on *change online*, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parentsand-carers

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/quiz-for-7-11-year-olds

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

There is also a free webinar that the East Midlands Cyber Crime team are holding on 6th February 2024 at 7pm for Safer Internet Day.

The webinar is aimed at parents and its purpose is to educate parents around keeping their children safe online. There are 1000 spaces.

You can sign up through their website below: Webinars | EM Cyber Secure (eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk)

Or by using the direct link: <u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with me (I am the online safety safeguarding officer in school), your child's class teacher or Mrs Wood, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Kind regards,

Beth Hunter