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Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day - 7th February

Safer Internet Day 2023 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 7th February. This global campaign aims to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help create a better internet.

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. This year's theme is **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'** We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating Safer Internet Day by continuing the conversations at home.

We will share Collective Worship with both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to launch this year's theme. To further develop their understanding, the E-Safety Team across Abbey Academies Trust have shared lessons with teachers for each Key Stage to explore this theme in more detail.

One Day Creative Workshops

We have also invited One Day Creative in again to lead online workshops to both KS1 and KS2 on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February. In KS1 children will be taking part in the **Into the Screen** workshop where they will learn key messages about personal information, online bullying, and fact vs. fiction. This workshop promotes safe and responsible use of technology, using well-known fairy tales as the basis.

In KS2 they will be joining in with the **Online Safety: The Big Questions** workshop. This workshop will support the children to become Online Philosophers. They'll use their bodies and minds to ponder big Online Safety questions such as how does our digital footprint affect us? Where does that video go when we put it online? What impact do our words and actions have on others? And crucially, who and where can we turn to if we ever need help?

We would like to encourage you to ask your children about their Safer Internet Day lesson and the workshop. However, we know that some parents and carers may find it difficult to have conversations about online safety with their children. To support 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-2023/parents-and-carers>

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, carer, aunt, uncle, or older sibling, we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time online safely. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Miss A Worrall
(E-Safety Leader)