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Dear Parents/Carers

Next week is Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February. This is a national event and the theme of the day is “**Be the change, unite for a better Internet**”. These online safety messages will be delivered during your child’s ICT lessons throughout the week. Below are some suggestions of how you can support your child at home and take part in the Safer Internet Day 2017.

You could....

1. **Visit the Safer Internet Day website** - www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017
Here you will find lots of information helping parents on how to be safe online.
2. **Talk regularly with your child** - about how they use technology, find out what their digital life is like, including how they communicate using images and videos. Perhaps you can start off by discussing your favourite emojis? (Safer Internet website 2017.)
3. **Be aware** – of the devices in your home. Know how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online. For advice on how to set parent controls visit www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology
4. **Remember** if your child has been a victim of online abuse you can report it to CEOP via the link www.ceop.police.uk/safer-by-design/safety-centre/

If you would like any further advice you can visit the school website.

Yours faithfully

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