**Welcome to our e-safety newsletter**

The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with endless opportunities for learning and creativity. However, **just like the real world there are risks and dangers our children should be aware of and protected from.**

Hence the reason for our special e-safety newsletter. Through this we would like to share some top tips about how to protect your child when using technology. As a school, we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our pupils’ development but always want them to spend their time online safely.

**Online responsibility for younger children:**

Need some help introducing or reinforcing online responsibility with younger children?

Share the Digi Duck e-book with your children. It is published by Childnet International who are a UK based charity working in partnership with others around the world to help make the Internet a great and safe place for children and young people.



**Top Tips**

For information leaflets about:

**iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch**

**Kindle Fire HD and HDX**

**Nintendo, Xbox, PS3, PSP, PS4**

go to:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-to-technology>

These are created by the UK Safer Internet Centre and are designed to help you ensure any gadget your child uses to access the Internet is set up safely.

Whilst many social networking, messaging sites and apps are designed for children 13+ years and older, we are aware that some children in school already use them regularly. Here are some top tips to ensure your children are keeping themselves safe whilst using social media. [**www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/**](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/)

* Talk to your child about what they’re up to online.
* Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child.
* Encourage your child to go online and explore!
* Keep up to date with your child’s development online.
* Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world.
* Keep all equipment that connects to the Internet in a family space.
* Know what connects to the Internet and how.
* Use parental controls on devices that link to the Internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.

**www.thinkuknow.co.uk**

Here are some other hyperlinks for parents and carers to the latest information about gadgets, internet providers, commonly used Apps and what to do if you or your children are worried about content or contact online:

**Child Exploitation and Online**

**Protection Centre**

**Watch the CEOP video**: http://ceop.police.uk/safetycentre/

**Further information:** http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/





**If you have any concerns regarding e-safety, please talk to us! Contact your child’s class teacher, Miss Bolton (Foundation Stage and KS1 Computing Leader) or Mrs Wellby (KS2 Computing Leader)**

