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SAFETY, WELFARE & WELLBEING NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

We have a busy month ahead of us with some important work being undertaken in school to help the children.

Firstly, Mrs Barnard has been extremely busy putting together resources for staff and children in relation to National E Safety Day. We will be educating the children over the course of the week with assemblies and lessons on how to keep themselves safe on social networking sites and other media based apps. There will be a session for parents to attend to hear how you can best support your children and keep them safe on their tablets or phones. We hope that this will be useful for you.

The internet and social media sites are amazing and children can play, learn, create and connect opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. However, there are new sites and apps popping up all the time and it is difficult to keep abreast of them all. There is one app in particular Music.ly that we are currently aware of which allows people to share music videos. Unfortunately, several parents have made us aware that some of the content is not appropriate and that parents have not in some cases realised that this is also a messaging/chat facility. We have also been told of a site MyLOL which has an innocent looking emoji type logo which is becoming popular with some children that is a teen dating site. As with all social media internet sites it is important that privacy settings and parental controls are set at a level to ensure children do not access inappropriate material, or more



importantly the content of their profile is secure and not accessible to millions of people worldwide.

As parents you would always want to know where your child is and what they are doing at all times if they are outside playing +this should be no different if they are in the home and using technology. At school we have a very robust and secure site which is monitored each week by our computer technician to ensure that no inappropriate sites are accessed. As parents/carers we encourage you to do the same and check your child's phone and electronic devices - you could be saving their life or protecting them from current or future harm.

We have also booked for early April a new programme called 'Resilient Me' for years two, three and five. There will be more information about this next month but it is fun workshop based sessions helping children to recognise their own value as individuals whilst building independence and confidence and dealing with feelings. We already hold mindfulness sessions in some year groups and the children in all classes enjoy PHSE (Physical, Health & Social Education) lessons learning about valuing others and recognising their own strengths and values.

On 15th February we will host the next Eastern European Coffee Morning and will again look at websites supporting children with home learning, as well as keeping safe with Mrs Barnard.

Please make a note in your diaries that our next 'School Nurse Drop In' will be 9am - 10am on 15th March.

Our Community Cadets and Eco Group visited the new Energy Recovery Facility in Fengate last week. It was brilliant that the children were able to see first-hand how the litter they collect on our Community Litter picks can be recycled.

Our Year 6 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Grace and Evalyn now support our Nurture Group on two lunchtimes each week. A big thank you to you both for agreeing to help the staff and children who attend that group.

Congratulations to Ema Gonova, Freya Bennett and Peter Tams-Greenall who were selected as our year two C.A.R.E.S. Mrs Afford has already met with these children on a couple of occasions to complete some training with them to undertake their role in pupil welfare as ambassadors for C.A.R.E.S

Creating a Caring Environment

All individuals are valued

Rights, responsibility and respect for each other

Everyone needs a friend

Southfields promotes carers

Below are details of lights issued during January

Lights issued	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Purple (Excellence)	1	2	3	7	4	5	3
Green		1	9		1		1
Amber				3			
Red				3			1
No of children in each year group with individual behaviour plans or where work is ongoing with the family		1	7	2	6	1	7

Purple Lights 25

Racial/Homophobic Incidents 1

Bullying

Verbal Incidents 1

Physical Incidents 2

School Expectation not met 7

Disruption/Preventing Teaching & Learning 8

Mrs Yeoman and I are always happy to meet with any parents if you should have any welfare concerns and we will do our very best to support you and the children.

We hope that you have a lovely half term at the end of the month.

Mrs H Dawson
 Welfare Officer

Mrs H Yeoman
 Attendance/Welfare Officer