



Shirley Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we have had an increasing number of pupils who have been affected in some way by inappropriate social media. This has ranged from sending each other unkind photographs of themselves, commenting unkindly on photos of pupils, sending photos found from the internet and referring to a person and sending unkind messages through Instagram, WhatsApp etc. We would like to make parents aware that the school has done some extra work with all pupils in Year 6, as well as one to one and small group sessions with several Year 6 pupils. We also continue to talk about e-safety regularly through our curriculum with all pupils across the school.

If your child has a phone or device that allows them to access these sorts of forums, are you aware of what they are posting or receiving?

We encourage all pupils and parents to have an open and honest relationship when it comes to online activity. Fostering regular discussions about what they send and receive can support children to understand how their messages are perceived. Is your child putting themselves in danger by sharing too much information? With this in mind, we have attached several checklists and resources for you to use at home with your child. We will not be sharing these in school as I am sure you are aware the age to sign up to these social media sites is 13.

There are several different **parent e-safety sessions** coming up that we would encourage you to consider:

Online safety webinar on Wednesday 31st January 7.00pm-8.00pm - DfE (See leaflet)

Parent e-safety workshop in school on Tuesday 6th February 6.30pm-7.30pm

Parent & child social media session - Learn together with your child and develop an open relationship about social media. If you are interested, please complete the attached form or contact the school office to add your name to the list with which days of the week suit you.

If you are unable to make any of these sessions, please take five minutes to look online at www.saferinternet.org.uk where you will find useful advice in the Parents/Carers section, including: How to set up filters on your home internet; Tips - Have a conversation; Safety tools on social networks, and a Parent guide to technology.

Further resources, e.g. A Family Agreement and Supporting Young People Online, are attached to this newsletter and displayed on our website for your reference.

We hope you will join us in promoting the Safer Internet Day 2018 slogan:

Create, Connect and Share Respect

A better internet starts with you

Bake off

We have had a really exciting start to this year's House Competitions with the Bake Off. The final took place this week, with some amazing show stoppers being created. Well done to the following finalists, who have won a cooking experience at Upper Shirley High:

Eve R, George C and George W from Yr 3/4

Jonah, George M and Florence M from Yr 5/6

Miss Spencer and the Yr5 team from the staff

The overall winners for each section were *George W, Florence M and Miss Spencer*. Well done! We look forward to the start of the next competition soon.

Sport

Year 3 have had cricket taster sessions this week with Trojans. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Team Spirit Superstar Year 6 School Tournament

WOW! What an amazing day at the first Superstar Tournament! Congratulations to everyone for taking part.

The dodgeball games were fast and furious but played with great 'Team Spirit' and sportsmanship.

Awards from Tournament 1

Dodgeball Winners - Wordsworth Primary 1000 points

2nd Place - Hollybrook Junior 500 points

3rd Place - Shirley Junior School 250 points

Well done to Shirley Juniors for achieving 200 bonus points for sportsmanship and teamwork

The next tournament in the league will be Lego-tastic!