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(please visit our new website as above)

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Dear Parent/Carer

Tomorrow, Tuesday 6th February, Richard Coates will be taking part in the global initiative "Safer Internet Day", joining more than a thousand organisations across the UK to help inspire national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

The slogan for the day is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you." We will be focusing on this in our assemblies and during PHSE time across the week, encouraging pupils to think about staying safe online and using the internet responsibly, with respect towards each other.

We recognise that ensuring our children stay safe online is something we need to do in partnership with parents. We want to work with you to ensure they mature into responsible young adults who function positively in today's digital world. I would therefore encourage you to talk to your children about what they are learning in school and check their use of the internet at home, on their phones, Ipads/tablets and computers. I have attached a "conversation starter" sheet which may be of use to you as prompts for these chats. It would also be an ideal opportunity to check that your children are being responsible and that they are only "connecting" with people they know on online games or apps.

If you would like more information, please check the school website which provides further advice as well as links to websites regarding keeping children safe on line.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Heather Cape  
Headteacher