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Dear Parents,

During the week beginning Monday 4th February we ran a series of assemblies and workshops to support Safer Internet Day 2019. We followed this with an 'Internet Legends' assembly on Tuesday 12th February and we have PSHE/philosophy sessions during each week to enable pupils to engage with some of the key concepts in a safe and appropriate way.

During half-term we received a notification from Hampshire Police asking us to alert parents to the wider issues linked to the worldwide concern about hackers and messaging groups that can target children through sites such as Youtube, Kidstube, Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp.

A spokesperson for the NSPCC said: "The constantly evolving digital world means a steady influx of new apps and games and can be hard for parents to keep track of. That's why it's important for parents to talk regularly with children about these apps and games and the potential risks they can be exposed to." The NSPCC publishes advice and guidance for parents on discussing overall online safety with their children, as well as promoting Net Aware - the UK's parental guide to social media and gaming apps.

Among the most common signs to watch out for include children who:

- Become very secretive, especially about what they are doing online
- Are spending a lot of time on the internet and social media
- Are switching screens on their device when approached
- Are withdrawn or angry after using the internet or sending text messages
- Have lots of new phone numbers or email addresses on their devices

If adults are concerned or have any questions on how to approach the subject with their children, they can contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or visit the NSPCC website. Children who are worried about their activity on apps or online games can contact Childline 24 hours a day, online and over the phone on 0800 1111. We also have our school website which includes a selected list of up-to-date and relevant information for our parents:

<http://www.frogmorejuniors.co.uk/page/?title=E%2Dsafety+information+for+parents&pid=88>

The evolving challenges presented to us are complex and require us to work in partnership as a whole community. While at school we will not discuss individual sites or harmful content with children it is worth knowing that we are doing everything that we can to help keep our children safe and equip them with the knowledge and understanding that they need to make appropriate choices. I hope that the information above is helpful for you.

Kind regards,

C M McCarthy
Headteacher



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