**Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February 2017**

**‘Be the change: Unite for a better internet’.**

Thursday 2 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

February 7th 2017 is **Safer Internet Day**, a day that is very important to our school and pupils. Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the Insafe network and is celebrated every year across Europe and in other countries worldwide.

In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** ([**www.saferinternetday.org.uk**](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)) and this year’s theme is *‘Be the change: Unite for a better internet.’*

To celebrate the many positives of the internet, and to raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, our school is participating alongside hundreds of other schools across the UK and children will be learning about how to use the internet safely and positively.

We believe that online safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people’s development. This is especially important this year as we improve our computing resources in school where children will have more access to the internet.

During Tuesday’s class assemblies, the children will be shown an approved video from the UK Safer Internet website. Class 1 and 2 will be shown *‘Ask before you watch’* (focuses on watching videos on line) and class 3 will be shown *‘The Bigger Picture’* (focuses on the power of images) which is designed to teach children how to stay safe online. These videos are available to watch on <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/sid-tv>

Throughout the week, each class will be completing activities around this year’s theme and discussing and creating acceptable use rules that we should follow in order to stay safe online in school. These rules will be incorporated into the school’s updated ‘Online Safety’ policy.

We also invite you to complete the attached **online safety audit.** Children in KS2 will also be taking a survey in school. We can use this information to inform the way we teach online safety in the future.

If you would like further information, please visit the ‘Internet Safety Page’ on the school’s website ([www.curbarprimary.co.uk](http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk) ). You will find useful links to websites, key information and an up to date parent presentation. The UK Safer Internet Centre who developed this presentation are experts in the field of online safety education and we highly recommend that you view this which provides practical advice and safety tips to help manage online safety issues, and discussions surrounding suitable behaviour online.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan

(Headteacher)

Useful websites:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)