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**Updates November 2015**

**20 November 2015**

### **Anti Bullying Week**

This week, along with other schools in the country, we have been talking about bullying. The children have had assemblies and have been working in class to discuss what bullying is and what we need to do to keep our school a 'Bully Free Zone'. We have talked about different forms of bullying and what to do if the children see someone being unkind to others – the importance of not being a 'bystander' but being confident to report anything they are worried about to an adult in school. There are some great websites for children which deal with bullying e.g., [www.beabuddy.cartoonnetwork.co.uk/#/what-is-bullying](http://www.beabuddy.cartoonnetwork.co.uk/#/what-is-bullying); and [www.beatbullying.org](http://www.beatbullying.org); As a staff we have reviewed our Anti bullying policy and a copy is on the website.

### **Internet safety**

As part of our work on bullying, particularly cyber bullying, we have been reminding the children how to stay safe online. Please remember to check the filters and settings on your computers and tablets at home and make sure that you know what your children are accessing, who they are talking to online and what messages have been sent or received. Please also remember to check the age limits on games as some X box and Play station games are rated 18 and are not appropriate for children. We have also reviewed our e-safety policy and a copy is on the website. I have also included instructions for downloading a 'safety button' and frequently used apps along with their age restrictions. There are some good websites for parents and children including [www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk); [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk); [www.digizen.org](http://www.digizen.org); [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk); and [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk); It is worth looking at these websites with your children as you may want to discuss some of the issues that arise.

### **Responding to world events**

From 1 July 2015 all schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". This duty is known as the Prevent Duty for Schools.

As you may be aware we held a minutes silence in school on Monday in response to the events in Paris last week. This was at the request of some children who had seen the extensive news coverage. Although we did not cover the events in detail we made sure that the children knew that they could talk about anything they may have found upsetting or were worried about. As a school we feel it is important to respond to children's concerns and to enable them to discuss world events. This is, of course, always done at an age appropriate level.



Living the Olympic  
and Paralympic Values



At school we aim to build pupils' resilience by promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils throughout the curriculum and, within this, fundamental British values. Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) provides pupils with opportunities for children to explore sensitive and controversial issues, developing their skills and knowledge in how to deal with difficult situations. The subject can be used to teach pupils to recognise and manage risk, make safer choices, and recognise when pressure from others threatens their personal safety and wellbeing. They can also develop effective ways of resisting pressures, including knowing when, where and how to get help. The PSHE curriculum encourages pupils to develop positive character traits such as resilience, determination, self-esteem, and confidence. Our PSHE, SMSCD and British values policies are on the website for your information.

We appreciate your support in these areas. Thank you.

Joanne Revill

Executive Head Teacher