



31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

## E-Safety Workshop & Pastoral Drop-In Sessions

This half term our new SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) unit taught across the school will be 'Going for Goals'. This theme focuses primarily on the key aspect of motivation, with a subsidiary focus on self-awareness. It gives an important opportunity for all children's abilities, qualities and strengths to be valued. The theme provides opportunities for children to reflect on themselves as individuals, particularly their strengths as learners and how they learn most effectively.

Each set of activities focuses on the underlying prerequisites for successful goal-directed learning and behaviour, for example, taking responsibility and building feelings of confidence and self-efficacy – the belief that what you do makes a difference. Goal directed behaviour is only valuable if we are able to make wise and balanced choices about our goals, so this theme provides opportunities for children to consider this and to practice problem-solving strategies.

We will also be holding our second Pastoral Workshop for parents and carers, which will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. The workshop will focus on managing e-safety, and will be led by Lisa Cameron, Chris Keeley, Debbie Carter. It will take place in the small hall at **2.15pm**. The workshop will include advice around internet use, gaming and information about our computing curriculum. If you would like to attend please return the slip below to the office.

The pastoral team have also been preparing to launch exciting competitions as part of this year's National Anti-Bullying Week. During the week beginning **14<sup>th</sup> November** we will be leading exciting assemblies, and the children will be completing projects around anti-bullying, with a specific focus this year on e-safety. Keep your eye on our school website and social media pages for handy resources for parents and carers.

In addition to the above Debbie Carter will be running **pastoral drop-in sessions** as usual this half term. Please indicate on the reply slip below if you would like to book a 'drop-in' slot with Debbie to discuss anything that you feel is having an impact on your child's wellbeing. This could be anything from changing family relationships, a house move, change of friendship groups etc. We really value the importance and advocate a holistic approach to child development, taking into account children's emotional, social and moral needs. This is a meeting to discuss pastoral issues and therefore the focus will not be on academic progress.

Kind regards,

Donna Wealleans  
Assistant Headteacher



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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the E-Safety Workshop on Tuesday 8th November 2016 [ ]

I would like to book a drop in slot with Debbie Carter [ ]

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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