



'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Safer Internet Day 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few days the children have been taking part in the Safer Internet Day 2018. The focus this year has been:

Create, Connect and Share Respect

The children have taken part in an assembly, discussion and follow up activities. From this we have found that a number of children ranging from year 1 and up are talking to people they do not know on the internet and are playing games that are not age appropriate. We have been discussing with the children what they should do when they see something that upsets or shocks them on the internet. As a school, we feel that all children would benefit from having a discussion with parents/carers about how to use the internet safely.

Many children have their own computers/tablets and we understand there are a lot of different APP's and games they can download onto them. One that has stood out in school and in the news is the ROBLOX game where children can talk to other people without them needing to be friends and see things that may be inappropriate for children. A wonderful website that can help is <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> which allows you to search a game, website or APP and it will explain it to you what the game does and allows the children to do.

The NSPCC Share Aware website is also very helpful if your child is using social media - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

On our school website you will find an update about our Safer Internet Day 2018 with links to two short leaflets, one is 'A guide to keeping your child safe online' and the other is 'Get Safe Online in West Sussex'. They are both informative on keeping yourself and your children safe online.

Thank you for your continued support in this important matter,

Mrs Scott
(Computing and e-safety coordinator)

