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Dear Parents

I am really pleased to be sending home a copy of Vodafone Digital Parenting with your child. This is an excellent magazine packed full of advice from online safety experts, parents and teachers. It includes a guide to setting parental controls on apps and devices, plus information on gaming and keeping children safe while they play.

We have enjoyed thinking about online safety in our assemblies this week. Years 4, 5 and 6 have been thinking about what makes a "Good Online Friend," discussing the similarities and differences between being a good online and offline friend. The children reached the conclusion that we really should behave in the same way towards others, whether communicating online or in the real world. We watched two videos that won awards during the 2015 Childnet Film Awards: Ludworth Primary School's film "Chips and Bangs" and the WOW Zone's "The TRUTH Online." Go to www.childnet.com/resources/film-competition/2015/primary-category to view the videos. If your child fancies making a film of their own, we'd love to see it and perhaps they might want to enter next year's Childnet competition.

Reception, Years 1,2 and 3 have enjoyed watching Timon trying to stay safe online with Pumbaa's help. This video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-njh8mFvVk The children did a great job of remembering SID's top tips from CEOP and thinkyouknow.co.uk that they have previously thought about in online safety lessons. SID is a the superhero who protects Lee and his sister Kim while they play their favourite online game. A cartoon featuring SID, Lee and Kim can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxYily6t4LQ and if you would like to find out more about SID's safety advice go to www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/leeandkim/.

This letter has been sent as an email and put onto the school website to make it easy to click on the links. In addition, our programme of Online Safety lessons, which are taught half-termly throughout the year, can be found on the school website. Click on the Staying Safe tab to find links to useful resources that can help you with your conversations about staying safe when going online.

If you have any concerns regarding the wellbeing or safety of our children, please contact the school and speak to either Mrs Mardell or myself. You can also contact CEOP directly at www.ceop.police.uk to obtain further advice or to make a report to the police. You will find a link to this at the bottom of each page on our school website.

Yours faithfully

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