

Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery



Safeguarding Newsletter

(This newsletter is also available on our website – www.cherrytree-pri.essex.sch.uk)

Spring Term 2020

Useful Telephone Numbers

NSPCC Childline 0800 1111

Changing Pathways (formerly Basildon Women's Aid) 01268 729707

EWMHS 0300 300 1600 9am-5pm Monday - Friday

Children and Families Hub
0345 603 7627

Step Change Debt Charity
0800 138 1111

Samaritans 116123 (call for free)

Citizens Advice Bureau – Basildon 0300 4562595 (from Mobiles) 08444770808 (from Landlines)

Think safe ... be safe.

If you have any concerns about a child in our school please do not hesitate to contact one of the school's Designated Leaders.

Our Safeguarding Team:

Mrs. Milsom (Pastoral Leader)

Mrs. Cory (AHT – Inclusion Leader)

Mr. Patten (AHT – Key Stage 1)

Mrs. Tiffin (AHT – Early Years)

Mrs. Barrand (Headteacher)

Miss Barlow (Deputy Headteacher)

Governor: Mrs. Walsh (Chair of Governors)

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed, neglected or is at risk you should contact Essex Social Care on 0345 603 7627. Out of hours: (5.30pm - 9.00am Monday - Thursday, 4.30pm-9.00am - Friday and Bank holidays) Telephone: 0345 606 1212 or [email](#). In an emergency call the Police on 999.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day is designed to empower young people to take control of their digital lives. For 2020 the UK Safer Internet Centre are putting the focus on online identity and asking young people to consider whether they and their peers are truly free to be themselves online.

Special assemblies are being held in school to help raise awareness with children to help ensure that they are kept safe online

Tips for parents:

Start with the positives -the internet can be a fantastic place for children providing them with exciting opportunities. Talking about the positives of going online, keeping conversations broad and valuing your child's opinion shows that you are interested in all aspects of their online world. Remain open-minded, and remember children use the internet differently to adults. To be dismissive of online apps, games or trends may put off your child from continuing any conversations.

Encouraging your child to discuss what they enjoy about going online can be a helpful bridge to talking about safety messages and issues that are more difficult in the future.

Let's talk about life online: Advice for parents and carers on how to talk with their child about staying happy, positive and safe when online.

www.childnet.com/resources/lets-talk-about-life-online.

Smoke Alarms

Following recent national news regarding smoke detector research and the risk of children not waking up when in a deep sleep, it is important that you have a working smoke alarm on every floor of your home. Preparing and practising an escape plan is also critical. Just a few minutes spent planning your escape route now and sharing it with family could be the most valuable time you ever spend. Follow these simple steps to ensure you can be warned at the first sign of a fire and that you have a clear escape plan to make sure you and your family are safely out of the house:

Fit a smoke alarm on each level of your home and test them regularly

Prepare an escape route, make sure everyone knows it and practise your escape

Keep your escape route clear so there are no obstacles to slow you down – close doors at night

Make sure everyone in the house - including friends and family who may stay over - knows where all keys to doors and windows are kept

Please see link below to book a free home fire safety visit.

http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/Home_Fire_Safety/

Young Carers – are children and young people under 18 years old who provide regular and ongoing care to another person who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances. Many young people do not see themselves as carers and may not realise there is practical and emotional support available in Essex. The Essex Youth Service offer free personalised support to young carers and their families that will be developed with you around your for help and the caring done.

Families can self-refer or a referral can be made by professional if you need further information please contact Mrs Cory the Young Carer's School Operational Lead

Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment Essex CAPI Service

Please remember you can speak to Mrs Milsom (Pastoral Leader) if you or your child are affected by any issues around parental imprisonment.