E-Safety Training 6.6.16

Following the e-safety talk by John Woodley from E-Safety Trainers on Monday night we will be putting a number of links and leaflets on our website for you to look through. We would really like to thank everyone who came - over 50 parents and carers attended and found the session very useful. We all want our children to be safe as they grow up, to know what is right and when they need to tell an adult. It was strongly felt that that this message was delivered in a very informative yet powerful way.

John's objective was to change our opinions about 'Stranger Danger'. We soon came to realise that 'Stranger Danger' wasn't all about old men in macs offering our children sweets or to see their puppies but unknown and often younger paedophiles on-line (male and female), people that our children do not know who will infiltrate our homes and prey on our children. It came as quite a shock just how many different websites there were out there that our children are *already* using confidently, downloading videos or uploading photos to and how easy it was for anyone to access these images! It was also concerning to know that games such as x-box live, Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto pose very real but different threats to children; including paedophiles, terrorists trying to recruit children and shocking and often violent pornography or language. These games also include highly sexualised language, scenes of rape, murder, oral sex, sex and strip clubs where users can pay to 'participate'.

The key message was to go along that online journey with your children, sit with them while they show you what they are doing, open the doors that allow your child to talk to you about what is going on within their online games or social networking sites and don't just let them take that journey alone. The other real danger is that children are too afraid of telling their parents if something happens online or during an x box game or similar. They would have no hesitation of telling an adult if a stranger approached them on the street but almost 100% of children are reluctant to tell their parents about threats online as they are scared they will be punished or will have the right to access their devices and the internet taken away.

Three rules we can teach our children to keep them safe on line are:
- Do not be tempted to go into private side rooms even when pressured to do so.
- Never give out your personal details to friends you have only met on the internet. People can and will use these to find you and hold power over you getting you to do things you don't want to do
- If you are scared or worried by anything you do, find or see on the internet ALWAYS call for the help of a trusted Adult. If you can't do this then use the CEOP Report Abuse button so as your worries can be taken care of.

If parents agree we would like to invite John to do some training with our children in the near future. **If you would not like your child to be involved in this please let the school know.** John referred to three main sources of help for you and your children, they are:

http://ceop.police.uk/

https://www.childline.org.uk

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/