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Dear Parents

Safe Use of Social Media and the Internet

Over recent months we have been increasingly aware that children in Class 4 are using social media outside of school. We realise this is a fun way to communicate with one another and that children are under considerable peer pressure to engage in this sort of activity. However, we also know this has caused some friendship issues which unfortunately continue to manifest themselves in the classroom. Often the children are using social media well into the evening and are therefore distracted by the previous nights 'conversations' and due to tiredness are not ready to learn the next day.

It is very important to us that the children are using social media in a safe and appropriate manner. Therefore we will be addressing this with the children during 'Anti-bullying Week' which begins on the 8th February. We have arranged for a Community Police Officer to come and speak with the children about safe use of social media and the internet on **Thursday 11th February**. We have also arranged for them to speak to parents after school on the same day. We believe it is crucial for parents to be involved and aware of their child's online activities.

We would very much appreciate it if somebody could attend representing your child so that we can be confident as a school that our pupils are safe when online.

If you have any concerns or issues you would like to raise concerning your child's use of social media, please do speak to your child's class teacher, myself or Mrs Kennedy.

In anticipation of your continued support.

Mrs Timmings



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..... will be representing

at the meeting on Thursday 11th February at 3.10 p.m.

Signed.....

