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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday February 11th 2014 is Safer Internet Day, a day that is very important to our school and pupils. Safer Internet Day is run by the INSAFE network and is celebrated every year across Europe, and in other countries worldwide. At Hillmead we will be holding a whole school assembly to highlight this important message.

In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk), and this year's theme is "Let's create a better internet together." Childnet International, who form part of the UK Safer Internet Centre have produced an online safety presentation to help schools, parents and carers, support children and young people online.

We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. To celebrate the many positives of the internet, and to raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, the children will take part in specially planned e-safety lessons throughout the week. I hope that your child will come home and talk about their experiences and what they have learnt.

Should you wish to find out more, then other websites you might find useful include the one run by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre at <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> as well as <https://www.getsafeonline.org/> and the BBC website at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>.

Yours sincerely

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