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SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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BONFIRE NIGHT SAFETY ADVICE

As Bonfire Night approaches, we know that many of our pupils and their families will be attending local displays and celebrations. While this is an exciting time of year, it's essential to keep safety in mind to ensure everyone enjoys the festivities without incident. Please take note of the following advice and share it with friends and family.

BONFIRE SAFETY

- Always stand well back from bonfires and respect safety barriers.
- Never throw objects onto a fire – it can cause unexpected explosions or flames.
- Do not use petrol or other flammable liquids to start or relight a bonfire.
- Check bonfire materials carefully before lighting, as animals may be hiding inside.
- Wear suitable, non-flammable clothing and avoid loose or synthetic materials.

FIREWORK SAFETY

- Fireworks should only be handled and lit by adults.
- Only purchase fireworks marked with the **CE safety standard**.
- Remember the **Firework Code**:
  - Keep fireworks in a closed box until needed.
  - Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper and stand well back.
  - Never return to a firework once lit.
- Use sparklers with care: wear gloves, hold them at arm's length, and place used ones in cold water.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Attend **organised public displays** whenever possible, as these are much safer.

- Stay with your friends and make sure your parents or carers know where you are.
- Keep your mobile phone charged and stay aware of your surroundings.
- Be respectful of others and follow all safety instructions at events.

ANIMAL WELFARE

- Fireworks can be distressing for pets and wildlife. Encourage family and neighbours to keep animals indoors and calm during displays.

Bonfire Night is a highlight of the autumn calendar, and we want all our pupils to enjoy it safely. Please take the time to follow this advice, make sensible decisions, and look out for one another. Staying safe means, everyone can celebrate and create positive memories. On behalf of the school and the safeguarding team, we wish you a safe, happy, and enjoyable Bonfire Night.



We hope you find the information helpful and should you need any help, advice or support please contact school or me directly.

Many Thanks

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