



Half-Term Safety Newsletter

We hope you have a lovely half-term break. Please read the advice below and take this opportunity to talk to your children about staying safe over this holiday.

Halloween



Halloween is almost upon us and many children will be looking forward to going out 'trick-or-treating'. This can be great fun when done safely. Please see the tips below to make sure the evening is enjoyable as possible:

- All children should be accompanied by an adult when trick-or-treating.
- Only go to the houses of people who you know, and who are happy for you to call round.
- Never be tempted to go inside someone's house.
- Don't call at houses that have 'no trick or treat' posters on show. There may be elderly or vulnerable people living at these addresses who do not feel comfortable speaking to strangers.
- Keep to well-lit areas and don't take shortcuts through gardens or alleyways.
- Wear bright clothing or reflective strips, and always carry a torch.
- If you're driving, be aware of the increased foot traffic. Drive slowly and be vigilant.
- If you are wearing costumes, please make sure they are non-flammable and stay away from lit candles.



Fireworks

At this time of year, many celebrations such as Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes Night and Diwali include fireworks. If you are having a firework party at home, please make the occasion fun and safe for everyone by following the Firework Code as well as some sparkler and bonfire safety tips. Safety advice can be found on the ROSPA website at the following address:



www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/

Personal Safety

As children will be playing outside more during the half-term break, please take this opportunity to discuss personal safety with your child and how to stay safe. This should include reinforcing boundaries and what to do if they encounter a situation that makes them feel uncomfortable. For more advice go to:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.