

## Mawsley CP School Newsletter– Safeguarding at the Heart of Our Community



The letters to Santa are being written, the decorations are springing up, and children, staff and parents are getting ready for a well-earned break over the festive period. This safeguarding newsletter hopes to share some key information & familiar reminders within our community, to help everyone enjoy a happy, restful and safe holiday.

### **Don't forget the fairy lights!**

Be sure to turn off fairy lights and blow out candles before heading to bed. It's probably a good time to check that your smoke alarms / fire extinguishers are in good working order too.



### **Coin Shaped Battery Awareness**

Tiny, disc shaped batteries can be found in many Christmas novelty items, such as flashing and musical Santa hats, Christmas cards, fake tea lights (flameless candles) and decorations. They may also feature in children's toys and books. Remember to keep these away from children – if swallowed, the electrical charge that creates caustic soda within the body can be fatal. Ensure they are enclosed by a screw or child proof mechanism.

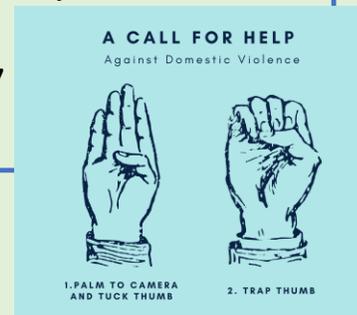


### **Safe at Home**

With so much pressure to make Christmas perfect, tensions can easily rise at home over the holidays. Charities report that there can be a 50% increase in incidents of domestic violence over the Christmas period. If you are worried about somebody or feel that you need to seek support, bear these networks in mind:

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Northants MASH: 0300 126 7000



### **Visitors – Preparing for the Unexpected**

Visiting friends and relatives naturally want to show love and affection towards the children that they care about, but not all children enjoy this kind of intimacy. Can you prepare an 'out' with your child, to avoid the pressure of an uncomfortable situation? For example, you may like to practise, 'Please can we high five instead today?'



Christmas Period Out of Hours  
Safeguarding Support for Children and  
Families

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child outside of school hours, please contact the MASH team on 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or e-mail them at [MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk)

If you think a child is in immediate danger or missing, please contact the police and/or an ambulance directly by phoning 999



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