

Newsletter ~ Term 3, Week 2

PANTS!

From Monday onwards, teachers are going to be spending some time working with the children on a resource from the NSPCC which helps children understand more about appropriate touch and about the boundaries they should expect other people, including other children, to keep with regards to their own bodies. This teaching forms part of the Relationships and Sex Education programme that we provide for children. The information will be presented in a friendly way which is designed not to scare but to inform at a level appropriate for the age of the child. The resource can be viewed on the NSPCC website and there is a leaflet specifically for parents, the link to which is below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/underwear-rule-guide-for-parents.pdf>

If for any reasons you have any concerns regarding your child's participation in this work, please come and see myself or your child's class teacher.

Parent-pupil Consultation Evenings: Wednesday 7 February and Thursday 8 February

Appointments for the above open evenings have now been allocated so please look out for your appointment slip early next week. We will allocate places to parents / carers who we have not heard from and let you know what we have offered you. It is vitally important that you do meet with your child's class teacher to review their progress at this mid-point in the year so we will be in touch with you if for any reason we have not seen you on one of the two evenings or if you have not made separate arrangements to see the teacher.

Friends News

AGM - Thursday, 25 January - 7.30pm in the School Hall

Please join us for our AGM next Thursday. If you would like to be involved you can volunteer to be a Class Representative or Committee Member such as the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. Maybe you would like to be our Fundraising Co-ordinator? Or you can simply support the AGM and give us your ideas for fundraising events. This is also the time to ask questions or voice your opinion.

During the year there are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the Friends. Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, or even if you can not come into school. There are always jobs that can be done from home even if you only have half an hour to spare. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes help that we receive. You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use, everything is potentially valuable to us.

So please come along to help decide what events we should hold and where our fundraising money should be spent on during the year for our children.

This is your chance to get involved and have your say and see where you can help.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Book Fair

We need volunteers to run the book fair which will be open during the open evenings on the 7 & 8 February. Mrs Watts, who kindly organises the fair, will be available to talk the 'manning' process through with volunteers after school on Tue 6 February.

Music Lessons

If you have not yet paid for your child's music lesson, please may we remind you to log onto ParentPay since this item is now overdue. Many thanks

Trips and Sporting Events

We have had a very busy few days in terms of activities and special events this week. I have been talking to the children about some of them. Here is what they said:



"It was really cool because they had built everything to look like the real thing and they even had a scary alley."

"I learned that if you see something happening while you're you need to ask for help from a trusted person like a station guard. "

"it was a bit scary when we had to phone 999 because we didn't know what to say but another time I would know what to do."

"This trip teaches you what to expect and do in an emergency and how to keep yourself safe."

"We made bread and we toasted marshmallows."

"We buried cheese just like Samuel Pepys, who buried his parmesan so it didn't get burned."

"We made a water chain outside and we passed the buckets to put out the fire!"

"We got to see a real fire."



"At the Dodecathon we did twelve activities and we could get up to 100 points,"

"There was a game where you shot targets and they were all worth 20 points."

"My favourite game was when Miss Lamb threw some balls and we had to catch them!"

"It was very interesting because we learned things we didn't know and got to see what it was like to be an evacuee."

"It was fun because to make (and eat) rock cakes and look at things they had during the war."

"It was amazing because I got to see old binoculars and a gas mask."



Thank you to all the teachers, office staff and volunteers who helped organise and attended these events. They would not happen without a great deal of hard work and much filling in of forms.



And Finally...

***How cool is it
that the same God
that created mountains, oceans and galaxies
looked at you
and thought the world needed
one of you too!***

Have an safe and happy weekend.