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NSPCC Cake Sale - 5th May



On Wednesday 24th May, the children will take part in an assembly entitled 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. This is being run by the NSPCC. The children in Years 5 and 6 will then take part in workshops during the day on Tuesday 6th June.

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. To support them, we have decided to hold a cake sale on **Friday 5**th **May** after school. Your child should have brought home a paper plate today which we hope will be returned to school next Friday full of lovely cakes to sell. As before, plates will be sold at £1.00 each with whole cakes priced individually.

Thank you for your support.

Good Luck Year 6!

By the time the next newsletter is published, Year 6 will have completed their SATs! Good luck everyone - we know that you will all try your best and have made lots of effort throughout the year.

Bug Club Reading Competition

Don't forget to read as much as you can on our new Bug Club reading platform! You could win a family photograph. Remember that you have to answer the Bug Club quizzes as accurately as you can to show that you have read your books really carefully. Results announced on Friday 12th May in assembly and the next newsletter. GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY READING!



DIARY DATES	
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tues 2 nd May	Storytelling month begins
Tues 2 nd May 3:30pm	Lower school Sex Education meeting
Tues 2 nd May 3:30- 5:00pm	Eagle Class parents' evening (for those parents who were unable to meet with Miss Young last term)
Fri 5 th May 3:25pm –	Cake Sale to raise funds for the NSPCC PLEASE NOTE CHANGE
Week beginning Mon 8 th May	OF DATE Year 6 SATs week Mon – Reading Tues – Grammar, punctuation & spelling Wed – Maths
Wed 10 th	Thur – Maths Final day for Bug Club
May	reading competition
10 th , 11 th , 12 th May	Year 5 Residential - Calshot
Wed 24 th May	Assembly run by the NSPCC – 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'
Fri 26 th May	Finish for half term
Mon 5 th June	Summer 2 term starts
Tues 6 th June	Year 5 & 6 NSPCC workshops
Wed 7 th June	Class photos
Fri 9 th June	PTA Quiz night for parents Further information to follow
Fri 9 th June	PTA Bags2schools collection Further details to follow
Thur 15 th June	Year 5 & 6 Athletics tournament at Cove Senior School
Week beginning 19 th June	Scooter Challenge Week Further details to follow

Parents' Survey Results

Thank you to all parents who completed the survey at last term's parents' evenings.

96% of parents felt that their child was making good progress in reading

94% of parents felt that their child was making good progress in writing

93% of parents felt that their child was making good progress in maths

To further develop our school, the three main suggestions were to:

- Improve communications
- Provide after school care provision
- Increase the number of after school clubs available

We are currently working on all three of these suggestions. Today you will receive the clubs list for the summer term which we hope offers a range of activities for the children to participate in. In the future, one letter will be sent home each term detailing all of the clubs which are on offer rather than individual letters for each club. We hope that this will make it easier for you to make choices about the clubs which your child would like to participate in.

We are also looking at ways to improve our communications with you and to provide after school care.

Speak out. Stay Safe.

The NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"This service provides important information in a child-friendly way – it should be made mandatory in all schools. A brilliant service!" *Teacher, Wistaston Primary, Crewe*

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC **Speak out**. **Stay safe**. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website **nspcc.org.uk/schools** or please come in to speak to us for more information.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

Avon Tyrell Trip - Year 4

The sun was shining for Year 4 as they headed off for an amazing time at Avon Tyrell in the New Forest before the Easter holiday. Fortunately, the sun continued to shine and the trip was a wonderful success! The children demonstrated courage and determination and were a huge support to one another. Once again, we were very proud of all children involved and wish to say another 'Well done!' for all they achieved.











Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we have introduced a challenge for the children which we are hoping you are joining in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word will be introduced in each class and the children will get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Detrimental'

Adjective - Tending to cause harm

Year 5

'Chronological'

Adjective - arranged in the order in which things happened

Year 6

'Sumptuous'

Adjective - luxuriously fine or large; lavish; splendid

How often can you use these words at home?

Molly's Fundraising

Molly, one of our Year 3 pupils, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was 6 years old. Together with her family, Molly is fundraising to support the JDRF charity to support diabetes research. They will be 'wheeling' around Goodwood racetrack on 14th May and would appreciate any support that you can provide. The link to Molly's Just Giving page is as follows. Good luck Molly!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Joann e-Hardy5



New Staff

We are very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Burke to our staff next week. She will be joining our excellent team of Learning Support Assistants and will be based in Comet class.

Beast Quest

Lower school welcomed Year 2 children from Cove Infants to come and hear their amazing Beast Quest inspired stories.



Best of British

Some of the lower school children took part in a 'Best of British' mini topic last half term.

