

KWPS ~ YELLOW PAGES 3RD FEBRUARY 2017

NSPCC Fundraiser ~ Cake Sale

The school council have asked me to thank all the Junior children/parents who have pledged to bake cakes for a cake sale this coming Monday 6th to raise money for the NSPCC. Each child, both Infants and Juniors, will have the opportunity to buy a cake, including some gluten free, for a donation. If there are any cakes remaining, the school council would like to hold the sale on Tuesday morning too. Please can any containers be clearly labelled with the child's name and year so that we can make sure they are returned at the end of the day.

Visit By The NSPCC ~ Thursday 9th February

In this week's Junior assembly the School Council have shared a power point presentation about the work of the NSPCC. Most people are familiar with the charity's role in ChildLine; however they also do a lot of work related to children keeping themselves safe, including online. As part of this they go into schools across the country and are coming into our school next Thursday 9th February. They will lead separate assemblies for Infants and Juniors and then complete workshops in Year 5 and 6. More information about the day is included on the reverse of this newsletter.

Tuesday 7th ~ Safer Internet Day

The visit by the NSPCC is timed to coincide with Safer Internet Day when we will be focusing on aspects of internet safety with your child. More information about this will be sent home next Friday.

Education Sunday ~ Sunday 5th February

A huge thank you to the parents who are enabling their child to take part in Education Sunday at the Methodist Church next to school this Sunday. It is much appreciated and well done to the children for working hard to learn the song and practise their words in such a short period of time. We will be meeting inside Church at **10.15am** and should be finished by 11.30am. Parents are welcome to stay for the service. Please could all children wear full school uniform.

Parents and Children's Information Evening for York

6.30pm Wednesday 8th Feb

Please do try and join us.

Parent's Consultation Evenings ~ Thursday 23rd Feb and Tuesday 28th Feb

This term's appointment based parents' evenings will take place during the first and second week back after the half-term holiday. A letter has been sent home today asking for you to give preferred appointment times. The allocated times will be sent home next Friday.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 20th Feb	School re-opens
Tuesday 21st Feb	Closing date for nominations for Parent Governor - information and nomination forms were sent home with the eldest child this week. Please contact the office if you haven't received one and wish to stand.
Wednesday 22nd	Swimming Gala - Please note—no swimming for Y4 or 5 classes this week due to the swimming galas taking place.
Thursday 23rd Feb	Parents' Consultations Meetings
Friday 24th Feb	Dance Performance at Carr Hill ~ Y6 group
Tuesday 28th Feb	Parents' Consultations Meetings



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.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme next Thursday 9th. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. I know they have recently been into many local schools. 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

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

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 heard from other schools who have participated 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 into speak to me and I can provide 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

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

