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Dear Parents



Karaoke and Swishing Fund Raising Events

Two excellent events held by our parents recently have raised an amazing £218.50 for the school. Thank you very much for all the effort that went in to arranging these events and to those of you that took part.

Cake Sale



There is a cake sale planned for the last day of term, Friday 31st March. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received at the school office on Friday morning next week. Please also support this event by buying lots of delicious cakes when you collect your children on Friday afternoon.

NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe.



The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school on Tuesday 28th March. The programme aims to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding that they need to stay safe from abuse. You can find more information about this event on the back of this newsletter.

PE Kits



Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times, kits should contain navy shorts and a school t-shirt, black slip-on daps and dark tracksuits during winter months. Socks should also be included for those children needing to change out of tights and long hair should be tied back for PE lessons.

Reading Book Amnesty



If you have any reading books at home that should have been brought back to school could you please return them as soon as possible, we are missing quite a few.

Yours sincerely

N de Chastelain
Headteacher

Hemington Diary Dates

- 28 NSPCC Assemblies & Workshops
- 30 Brunel Class – Viking Day
- 30 Writhlington Year 6 Q&A Session
- 31 Last day before Easter Holiday

April 2017

- 17 Bank Holiday
- 18 First day back at school
- 19 NSPCC Fundraiser Buddy Workout
- 26 NSPCC Coin Collection and Thank You Assembly

May 2017

- 1 Bank Holiday
- 5 Nightingale Sports Festival
- 12 Year 5 and 6 Sports Festival
- 26 Last day before half term holiday

June 2017

- 5 First day back at school
- 16 Year 3 and 4 Sports Festival

July 2017

- 7 Year 5 and 6 Sports Festival
- 24 INSET

Dear Parent/Carer

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 on Tuesday 28th March 2017. 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

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. Which is why I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event, and I would really value your support and encouragement. More information on how you can support their work will follow their visit to our school.

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 was an essential part of my PSHE teaching so far this year." Teacher, Bath and North East Somerset.

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/

Yours sincerely,

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