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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

I do hope you have all enjoyed the beautiful weather this week. We have ensured the children have been wearing their sunhats at all times outside. Do please put sun-cream on them before they come to school.

This term we have been especially focusing on all aspects of staying safe. This will culminate in our "Staying Safe" Week starting Monday, 26 June. Please do read the letter at the bottom of this newsletter explaining the NSPCC's "Speak Out. Stay Safe" programme. This will be delivered on Tuesday, 27 June.

We celebrated with our Rabbits this week, as they performed their assembly so beautifully on Thursday. It was great to see every child supported by a family member as they then returned to the classroom for our first "Stay & Share" event. This gave parents and children time to talk through their books and learning, and celebrate all they have achieved. Well done Rabbits!

We are sad to say goodbye to Lisa Smale who will be leaving St John's at the end of the Summer Term to concentrate on her language teaching. Lisa has taught both Yr 1 and Yr 2 over the last year. We now have our teaching team in place for next year which is fantastic! Marion Stevens will continue to teach Reception, Lizzie Kettle and Sarah Kibbler will be teaching Yr 1 and Nicola Bartlett will be our new Yr 2 teacher.

I am very keen to do as much as we can to ensure smooth transitions for the children and, from now on, we will be creating these opportunities. I will let you know when Nicola is in school so next year's Yr 2 parents and children can get to know her.

If there is a reason for you to collect your child in the middle of the day for an appointment, etc, please ensure it is before lunchtime, ie, midday, or after 1.15pm. With the children now using the field at lunchtimes it is very hard for staff to unlock the gate for you.

Finally, thank you so much to all of you who have returned your Parent Questionnaire - these are so valuable in helping us reflect on our practice and to make sure we are doing our very best for our children and yourselves. The children will complete their own questionnaire after half-term.

I do wish you all a very happy and gloriously hot half-term!

With best wishes

Ginnie

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Dear Parents

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, 27 June** as part of our "Keeping safe" Week. 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.

"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 a child-friendly, interactive assembly their specially trained staff will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, 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's "**Speak out. Stay safe**" programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website, nspcc.org.uk/schools, or please come and 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/.

With best wishes

Ginnie Gregory
Headteacher

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News items for this week:

Haslemere Hogs - mugs for sale - we are very pleased to advise that there are beautiful china mugs now available (at £10 per mug) showing Hamlet of the Sowe Hills in all his glory! If you would like to place an order, please drop by the front desk with your payment and we will then submit a bulk order in due course.

Bel & The Dragon - please see the flyers regarding upcoming events and offers at Bel & The Dragon.

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Farnham Photography by Captured Moment - we have an unused prize from the raffle/auction from our Summer Fair and, if anyone would like to offer a donation for this voucher, please drop by the front desk - many thanks everyone.