



BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017

Dear Parent,

Please note the following:

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

We have had a busy half term so far with lots of fun, educational experiences for the whole school. These have included:

- World Book Day activities on the theme of hats
- Wandering Minstrels music workshops
- Science Day workshops on the theme of change
- Hygiene Angels workshops on the importance of proper handwashing

RED NOSE DAY – FRIDAY 24 MARCH

This will be a non-uniform day and the children are encouraged to wear fun clothing. We will be asking for a contribution of £1 from each child towards a collection for this charity event.

JOURNEY TO EASTER WORKSHOPS – MONDAY 27 & WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH

Reverend Caroline Friswell (St Peter's Church) and Reverend Janet Titterton (Byers Green Methodist Chapel) have, once again, kindly agreed to deliver 'Journey to Easter' workshops for every class. A range of age-appropriate Easter-related activities have been planned which will help the children think more deeply about this important time for Christians.

NSPCC'S 'SPEAK OUT. STAY SAFE.' PROGRAMME – THURSDAY 30 MARCH

We will be welcoming visitors from the NSPCC to our school on the above date to deliver age-appropriate assemblies to the infants (Class 1 & Class 2) and the juniors (Class 3 & Class 4). On **Tuesday 4 April** Class 4 will also take part in a follow-up workshop. Please see the information overleaf for further details.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS – THURSDAY 6 APRIL

A photographer from Tempest will be coming into school on the above date to take class photographs. Please ensure that the children wear full school uniform on this day. Once we receive the proofs we will send them home for you to view and a larger copy will also be on display in the main entrance area.

EASTER COFFEE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 7 APRIL

We will be holding our Easter coffee afternoon on the above date, commencing at 1.15pm. As usual we would be most grateful for the contribution of cakes, scones, biscuits etc. for the refreshment stall – shop-bought contributions will be most gratefully accepted if you do not have the time to make your own. The book club will run throughout the afternoon. We are always looking for raffle prizes - any donations are most welcome.

EASTER HOLIDAY

School will close for Easter on **Friday 7 April at 3.15pm**. We return on **Monday 24 April 2017**.

Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)

NSPCC
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.

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 this term. 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.**

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/