



# Newsletter



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### Dear Parents and Carers,

The dreaded tummy bugs seem to have hit us this week! Please remember to keep your child away from school for 48 hours following an incidence of sickness or diarrhea so that we can help to prevent the spread of illness.

We welcomed Louise from the NSPCC this week. Louise presented the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' Campaign which informs children about staying safe from harm and reminds them how to deal with worries. The information overleaf invites families to help us to raise funds for the NSPCC to support children further. We will be holding a 'Sponsored Silence' later in the week.

Class 1 parents are reminded that the children present their Parents' Assembly on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9.10am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Helen Isaac, Headteacher

### Speak Out 2017



We were delighted to take part in this year's 'Speak Out Challenge' at the Saxonville Hotel in Whitby, which was organised by Whitby and District Rotarians. In front of a live audience and keen judges, Lily, Erin and Alan presented a very convincing argument about the rights of animals.

Along with Millie, who was chief understudy, the children had worked hard to perfect their performance and deserve to be very proud of themselves. Many thanks to our Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Harrison, for his excellent coaching and encouragement.

### Punctuation is Fun!



With an exciting mix of songs, jokes and crazy characters, Barrie McDermid wowed our children on Monday with his 'Punctuation Show'. Barrie kept everyone busy learning about speech marks, ellipsis, semi-colons and more, through his lively performance. Now the children have the challenge of remembering all that they learnt and including correct punctuation in their writing. A Parents' Guide to Punctuation can be found on our website in the Parents' section.



#### DIARY DATES:

Class 1 Parents' Assembly: 31<sup>st</sup> January 9.10am

NSPCC Sponsored Silence: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 12.30pm



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school this week and delivered their **Speak out. Stay safe** assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

But, as a charity, they can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters.

#### **That's why we're raising money to help the NSPCC's work in schools**

I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC this term by taking part in a sponsored event and I would really value your support and encouragement.

#### **How your children can have fun – and make a massive difference**

Children will be doing **a sponsored silence** which will not only be exciting for our pupils but will also mean they're raising money for the NSPCC's vital work *and* helping keep even more children safe.

Participation is purely voluntary but if you would like to support the NSPCC's work, it would be fantastic. Sponsor forms are attached and we will ask for all monies collected to be returned to school by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Every child that attended the assembly will receive a thank you in the form of a *Speak out. Stay safe.* Buddy sticker. We want them to wear it with pride.

And you and your children can be proud of the fact that every penny raised makes a significant difference for children. By supporting the NSPCC we can work together to end child abuse.

#### **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 also find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://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/](https://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/)

Yours sincerely,

Louise St Pierre

**PS** You can find more information about the NSPCC's 'Underwear Rule' on their website ([nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants)). It's been created to help you talk to your children about keeping themselves safe.