



FEBRUARY 9TH 2018



STARS OF THE WEEK



Dear Parents

Year 3/4 had a super Multi-Skills festival at Bohunt on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Hoe and Miss Lawrance for organizing the event.

Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed their trip to the Hogmoor Inclosure yesterday despite the extreme cold in the morning! It was described by some as 'the best day ever'! Thank you to Mrs Cooper and Miss Lawrance for organizing all the fun and to the adults who helped make the day possible.

BINGO raised £118 last Friday and great fun was had by all. Thank you FROTH for organizing it for us. Next BINGO is on May 4th - it'll be Star Wars themed!

If anyone has access to scrap paper, we'd be very grateful for any. Our younger children especially love to draw and write and get through huge amounts.

Well done to Mrs Liversage for winning a £350 award from Breeze Radio to use to improving the Year 1 outdoor area! Mrs Liversage has lots of ideas and is going to be enlisting Mr Rose's help in order to make the money go as far as possible!

Best wishes

Ruth Worswick

Year R - **Francine** for her lovely smile and always helping around the classroom.

Year 1 - **Jack P** for his independent work in his Maths and super reasoning.

Year 2 - **Lacey-Jane** for being such a good role model.

Year 3 - **Danny** for his great progress in his reading and his determination to improve.

Years 4/5 - **All of Year 4/5** for their **teamwork and great behaviour!**

Year 6 - **All of Year 6** for their **teamwork and great behaviour!**

Letters/emails home this week:

*Year 4 Stubbington trip
Online safety letter
Year 4 Dodgeball
Years 1- 6 NSPCC*

DIARY DATES

Monday February 12th - Friday February 16th - Half Term holiday
Tuesday February 20th - Late parents' evening
Thursday February 22nd - Bag2School collection
Thursday February 22nd - Early parents' evening
Tuesday February 27th - Year 4 dodgeball at Bohunt
Friday March 1st - World Book Day book swap
Tuesday March 6th - Year 5/6 netball at Bohunt
Tuesday March 27th - Easter cake sale
Tuesday March 27th - Year 3/4 football at Bohunt
Wednesday March 28th - Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday March 29th - Last day of Spring term
Friday March 30th - Friday April 13th - Easter holidays
Monday April 16th - Back to school

MULTI-SKILLS

On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 took part in the Multi-Skills festival at Bohunt. It was for fun rather than competitive but we still all tried to be the best! We did jumping, hockey, egg & spoon around cones and even an obstacle course! We worked in partners and played against other schools (sometimes it was Y3 against Y4!). It was great fun!

Festival report by Caden and Kai

LUNCH PAYMENTS

We're still struggling with parents paying for school lunches. As you know, our policy is for all lunches to be paid for in advance. Our office ladies are having to spend a huge amount of time chasing payments, which means they are not doing the work they should be which has a negative knock on for everyone. All lunch money should be sent on the day or beforehand, in a named envelope and sent to class to be put in the box.

If lunches are repeatedly unpaid for, we will no longer be able to feed your child and will be contacting you to send in a packed lunch instead.

If there are genuine reasons for a late payment, you must contact the office in advance (by phone or email) to let us know. If you are having difficulties paying, then I would urge you to contact me directly so that I might see how we can help.

HAVE A SUPER HALF-TERM AND DON'T FORGET IT'S PARENTS' EVENING ON OUR RETURN.

Dear Parents

I am writing to let you know that Stubbington Study Centre have told us that there are some extra places available for the week our Year 5/6 children go on their residential. Therefore, we thought that given how closely the children work together, we would offer places to Year 4 as well this year.

We are booked to spend the week of July 9th at Stubbington. The children will take part in a number of outdoor, team building and science activities. It's also a wonderful opportunity to build personal skills of learning to look after their own clothes, hygiene and food choices. It's a week of enormous fun and an experience the children will remember forever!

The cost of the trip is £250 plus transport (which will be finalised once we know how many children are going). Obviously with the shorter notice for this, we are happy to set up a staggered and flexible payment programme to make payment manageable.

Stubbington have an open day for parents and children on March 24th. You can also find further information on their website at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/stubbingtonstudycentre/parentschildren>

Mrs Cooper will be with the group for the whole week and you are very welcome to talk to her for further information as she took our last group there in 2016.

To secure a place, please contact the school office via email. We will also need a deposit of £50. Please let me know if you'd like your child to go but need more flexibility around this payment and I'm sure we can work something out to suit.

Best wishes

Ruth Worswick

Dear Parents

I am writing to let you know about some recent concerns parents have raised with me about the safety of our children while online at home.

A number of children have been making their own videos and posting them online on Youtube. Some children have been using their full names and are in uniform, which makes them easily identifiable. Other videos have been made showing people in the background, who might not have given their permission to be in a video.

In our Internet Safety lessons we teach the children that they should never be in uniform in pictures or videos because they could be traced. We also teach them never to photograph or name others without their permission (and in the case of children, their parents' permission).

Youtube, like many of the other popular apps/websites that many children use, actually sets its age limit to hold an account at 13 and therefore is not suitable for our children to use without adult supervision. Popular forums like Mumsnet report some quite worrying stories of people following very young children who they don't know. We are advised by all safeguarding authorities that these websites, along with many gaming sites are now the way in which children are being groomed and targeted.

If we are to keep our children safe, it is vitally important that we know how they are using their phones, tablets, laptops etc and that rules are in place for where and how they access technology. It is not advisable to allow technology in bedrooms or other private areas and it's important to talk as a family about safe use of the internet.

As a school, we teach online safety as an ongoing issue – in our PSHE lessons and whenever we use IT. We also have at least one focus day every year to make sure children are very clear on how to keep themselves safe online.

You can find further information on our Online Safety page on our website (the NSPCC website is particularly useful to understand the latest apps and websites). Don't forget that we also give you copies of the Parent Zone Digital Parenting magazine as we receive them and you can access these online as well at: <https://parentzone.org.uk/projects/digital-parenting-magazine>. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be having some extra lessons over the next few weeks in light of the concerns raised. We will be using materials from CEOP (see our website for details) and also the Safer Internet Day website.

You might also like to watch the latest Ofsted video about keeping children safe online, which was sent to me this morning:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwezYyq3Ss&mc_cid=89dbf67187&mc_eid=23bb6cb67c

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with Mrs Cooper or me.

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Dear Parents,

Y4 have been invited to take part in a Dodgeball Festival on **Tuesday 27th February** at **Bohunt School in the Sports Hall**. This will take place after school and will finish at **5:00**.

We are asking parents to transport their child to Bohunt straight after school, **where they will be met outside Reception**. If you arrive after 3:40, please take your child straight to the Sports Hall. Please speak to other parents or myself if you are stuck with transport; we can definitely arrange something.

New Bohunt Safeguarding Procedure: If you are staying (or coming later) to watch the festival, you will need to **sign in at Reception** and collect a **Visitor sticker**. If you are simply collecting your child at 5:00, you **DO NOT** need to sign in.

Due to the timing of the end of Bohunt's school day, parking is often difficult so you may prefer to park nearby and walk your child to the front of Bohunt Reception.

All children need to be **collected from the Sports Hall at 5:00**. Any children not collected will be taken to the front of Reception, so meet us there if you're running late.

Please make sure your child has their **PE kit** and a **water bottle** in school, and a snack if you wish.

Please send your consent either by:

- return email simply stating that you give consent and updating any medical details or contact phone numbers that have changed, or
- printing out the reply slip below and returning to Mrs Hoe

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Lawrance

I give permission for my child, _____
to attend the Dodgeball Festival at Bohunt School on Tuesday 27th February

My child will be taken to Bohunt by _____

My child will be collected from Bohunt at 5:00 by _____

Signed _____ Contact No: _____

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 **Wednesday 28th February 2018**. 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 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/

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ruth Worswick

Headteacher