



Twineham CofE School



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This month's value: RESPONSIBILITY

Tuesday 3rd July 2018

Dear Parents,

We are very proud of our pupils in Year 5 and 6 who are settling in at Bowles beautifully. I will be there all day tomorrow to catch up with everyone and find out how the first night went. Mr Chapman, Mrs Moss and Mrs Plowman are in regular contact with the school and they are looking forward to a very inspiring (and exhausting!) week.

For fans of the England football team worried about a potential clash with our summer fair, we will know tomorrow if England play again at 3pm on Saturday... the FOTS team are already on the case to adjust plans if England win tonight and go through to the quarter finals!

NEARS Athletics and Hockey

Our children finished 3rd place (by just a few points) in the NEARS Athletics Competition after an amazing effort at Handcross Park yesterday. All 22 pupils in our track and field team put in an excellent display. The hockey team went even further and won every match in the NEARS Hockey Festival, organised by Twineham and hosted by Worth School. We will present the hockey trophy to the winning squad next week and look forward to sharing photographs of both events soon.

Fortnite

Some children have discussed the content of the popular game 'Fortnite' at school. The PEGI rating system has given this game a rating of 12+ years old. PEGI have said this is due to the 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'. There is more detailed advice at:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

We will remind children that it is not appropriate to discuss Fortnite at school. This is because some younger children have been disturbed by hearing that the objective of one game is to enter an island and kill all of the other 99 characters to become the only survivor. We fully respect parents' choices of what is appropriate for their children to play at home but we will remind pupils that this content is not suitable for sharing at school. Thank you for your support.

NSPCC 'Speak out Stay safe' assemblies for all and Y5/6 workshop

We are pleased to offer a warm welcome to the NSPCC team who are joining us next Monday to help children learn how to stay safe from the risk of abuse. Please see the details below about the assemblies for all children and a special workshop for pupils in Years 5 and 6.



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 Monday 9th July 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 each of our Year 5 and 6 classes.

"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 abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools that 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.

"My daughter thought the volunteers were fantastic, really real people, very warm and friendly."
Sally, Prestatyn.

If you would like any more information about the *Speak out Stay safe* programme you can come in to speak to me or visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Talking PANTS 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 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from abuse.

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/parents



Diary dates

Tuesday 3 rd – Friday 6 th July	Bowles Residential Trip (Years 5 and 6)
Saturday 7 th July	FOTS Summer Fair
Monday 9 th July	NSPCC Assemblies and Workshop in school – Speak Out, Stay Safe
Tuesday 10 th July 1:30pm	Worth Abbey Y6 Leavers' Service
Wednesday 11 th July 2:15pm	Summer Concert
Thursday 12 th July	Poppy Class trip to Preston Manor
Friday 13 th July	School closed for INSET
Tuesday 17 th July	Pupils' School Reports go home to parents
Wednesday 18 th July 1pm	Class Changeover Session
Friday 20 th July	Day of Sport at Twineham (sports activity and taster day)
Friday 20 th July	FOTS Disco
Monday 23 rd July 9am	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Peter's Church, Twineham
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of term

Kind regards,

Scott Reece, Headteacher