

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Newsletter

### Volunteer Safeguarding Training Session

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the safeguarding training session on Tuesday 20th February. We are grateful to see that we have quite a few parents who are happy to come and volunteer here at our school. We look forward to seeing our volunteers supporting in school shortly.

### NSPCC

We are delighted to confirm that we will be welcoming NSPCC volunteers into school on Monday 4th March to lead 'Speak Out Stay Safe' workshops for our year 2 and year 5 children. Other year groups will not miss out and will receive an NSPCC planned lesson too. Ahead of this on Friday 1st March, children will be watching an NSPCC KS1 (Reception to year 2) or KS2 (year 3 to 6) assembly led by Ant & Dec (online!) *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. This supports our work on safeguarding in the curriculum as one of our school priorities. If you have any questions, please do contact me.

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils in years 3-6 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.** Parent/carer letter to follow next week.

### Lent/Father Chris, 40 day challenge!

We were pleased to welcome Father Chris into school yesterday to help us understand Lent. When we think of Lent we may associate it with 'giving something up' but we were pleased that Father Chris shared with the children the idea of the '40 day challenge' involving children 'giving back to others' in the form of an act of kindness during Lent. We think this is a fantastic idea, links well with an earlier assembly where we considered our 'daily act of kindness' and of course links with one of our school values 'kindness.' We look forward to hearing from the children how they may be getting on with the challenge, both at home and in the community as well as at school. Please do encourage your child to share news of this with their teacher and class!

### School timings/parking/attendance

A polite reminder of the school day times. The doors open at 8:30am and close promptly at 8:40am. This also means the gate to the playground is shut at 8:40am as all children should be in class ready to start the day's learning. In the last 4 days lateness has amounted to almost one and a half hours of lost learning time. We are aware that the car park does get busy and so ask that you do not block the entrance to the car park, thus delaying other

parents/carers trying to access this. Please allow sufficient time to find a suitable parking space.

Pick up time is at 3:10pm. In order to continue to support positive attendance, we would ask, where at all possible, to make appointments out of school hours. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### **Club News**

Please find attached a list of clubs on offer until Easter. Please note Bushcraft will hopefully start after the Easter holidays. Taskmaster Club started on Wednesday 21st but there are still some places available. Please follow the link below

<https://taskmastereducation.com/clubs> to use our school code A2W0K, to register.

### **Dates for your diary**

Red Spider - Penguins Class Trip	Tuesday 5th March
World Book Day	<b>Wednesday 6th March (change of date)</b>
House event: Spelling Bee	Wednesday 13th March
Aldingbourne - Tigers Class Trip	Thursday 14th March
Annual reports	Friday 22nd March
Parent/Carer/teacher Consultation Evenings (Bookings will open shortly)	Tuesday 26th March & Wednesday 27th March 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Last day of term	Thursday 28th March
Start of Summer Term	Monday 15th April

With very best wishes

Mrs Norton  
Interim Headteacher