



# Newsletter

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## Spring Term

Welcome back for the Spring Term. As well as all the work the children are doing in class this term there are also a lot of other events taking place.

Coming up this term we have our Science Week, where as part of the week this year the Year 2 children will have a demonstration from the science department at Oakmoor School, which looks fantastic. We also have our annual E-safety super hero dressing up day as part of Science Week. After half term we will also be dressing up for World Book Day, last year we all dressed up as Characters from Julia Donaldson books and we will stick to a book related theme again this year, we will let you know closer to the time what the exact theme is. We have the lovely Mother's Day Lunch before Easter as well as Parent's Evenings, parent and child writing morning and a couple of school visits and all that before the Easter Holidays! Please keep a close eye on the Upcoming Events section of the newsletter for all the dates and times for these events.

In class the children have fantastic topics for the next few weeks. In Year 2 the children will be looking at continents and oceans by finding out about the very first continent, Pangea, and how it slowly separated out to form the continents we know today.

Year 1 will be finding out about the first moon landing and why Neil Armstrong is such a famous person in history. They have already written questions they would like to ask a modern day astronaut and had a phone call with an astronaut on the international space station (though the staff thought the voice of the apparent astronaut on the phone sounded very familiar).

Year R are looking at what they might want to do when they grow up. They have already had a few parents come and offer to talk to the children about the jobs they do. If you have any time, even if your child is not in Year R, and you would like to come and talk to the children about the job you do please let us know.

Year 1 children will also be doing their Forest School sessions this term, Year R will be doing theirs after the Easter holidays. We do need parent helpers to help us run these sessions. If you have any afternoons free and would like to help please let your child's class teacher know.

## Upcoming Events

### **28 January 2020**

2.45pm Elephant Class Assembly

### **31 January 2020**

NSPCC Fundraising Day

### **4 February 2020**

2.45pm Giraffe Class Assembly

### **7 February 2020**

5.30-6.30pm FoBS Disco

### **10-14 February 2020**

Science Week

### **11 February 2020**

E-Safety Day – Dress up as a Super Hero

### **14 February 2020**

3.15pm FoBS Cake Sale in hall

End of Term

### **17-21 February 2020**

Half Term

### **24 February 2020**

8.45am Term Starts

### **4 March 2020**

4-7pm Parents Evening

### **5 March 2020**

4-6pm Parents Evening

## Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join our Lunchtime Assistants helping the children eat and play over lunchtime. The rate of pay for this will be £9 an hour and the hours will be 12.00 – 1.05pm. If you are interested please ask for an application pack from the school office, closing date is midday Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

## NSPCC Assembly

On Monday the children will be having an assembly led by the NSPCC. They will be talking to the children, in an age appropriate way, about the work they do. Their program is called Speak out. Stay safe. It is designed to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for every primary school aged child in the UK and Channel Islands.

"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 a child-friendly, interactive assembly, 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 Infant school aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced the children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can come in to speak to us or visit the NSPCC website [nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://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 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](http://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](http://nspcc.org.uk/parents)

We will send a letter home on Monday with full details of the fundraising event we are planning.



### Stars of the Week



#### 13<sup>th</sup> December

Hollie Ibbs  
Dominic Hayler  
Grace Hankin  
Freddie Hickman  
Sabrina  
Wilczkowiak  
Fox Maliphant

#### 10<sup>th</sup> January

Shayla Eacott  
Isla Wells  
Cameron Bellis  
Kyle Hillman  
Luca Davis  
Darcie Brundenell

### FoBS

We want to say a very big thank you to all of you who came to support the Christmas Fayre. With your generosity we raised around £1,500. A very big thank you to all of the FoBS members who organised the fayre and the parents and staff who ran the stalls. The money will be used to buy special things to make the children's time at school even better.

The next FoBS disco will be held in our school rather than the Juniors and it will be on a different night to the Juniors. The date for the next disco is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.