

Autumn 3, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

NSPCC-Talking PANTS Campaign

During the summer the NSPCC ran their ***Speak Out Stay Safe*** campaign in school encouraging the children to tell someone if they had any concerns about themselves or others. The children were introduced to the Childline website and number – 0800 1111.

The next step is for us to focus on the 'Talk PANTS' underwear rule lessons which build on the pupils being able to keep themselves safe. These lessons are delivered in a child friendly and fun way to encourage the children to talk sensibly about what they should do. It will be built in to PSHE lessons throughout the first week but doesn't use scary stories or technical terms. It is all 'age appropriate' and will be delivered by the teachers in Foundation 2 through to Year 6.

We would like to encourage all parents/carers to follow up on this work. To support you the NSPCC has produced a Parent's Guide which outlines suggested approaches. This can be found on the NSPCC link:

www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

and on our webpage:

<http://www.pilsleyprimary.co.uk/key-information/safeguarding-at-pilsley-primary-school>

We will also text out the link so you can go to the Parents Guide directly.

Though you might find this a difficult subject encouraging children to understand how to keep themselves safe is vital and by working together we can get the message across.

If you have any concerns about this please contact your class teacher in the first instance or Mr Snape.

Anti-Bullying Week

Following on from the NSPCC campaigns is the national Anti-Bullying week that starts on November 13th. The title for this year is ***'All Different, All Equal'***. During that week the key focus will be on understanding that we are all different from each other and that those differences are to be celebrated – not used as a reason to make someone else feel bad about themselves. In particular, we will be focussing on pupil resilience and knowing how, where and from whom they can seek help whenever they feel low, unhappy or upset. As usual when we are talking about bullying it heightens your child's thoughts about how others treat them so again they may be asking you questions.

Diary Dates / School Events (see over)

Newsletter

13 th – 17 th November	Anti-bullying Week
17 th November	Year 6 Bikeability
4 th December	Reception to Year 4 Flu Immunisations
4 th December	KS2 Christmas concert dress rehearsal
5 th December	KS2 Christmas concerts
12 th December	F1, F2 and KS1 Christmas concert dress rehearsals
13 th December	F1 and F2 Christmas concert
14 th December	KS1 Christmas concert
15 th December	Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
19 th December	Last day of term

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2 nd January	INSET Day
3 rd January	Pupils return to school
16 th February	Last day of term
26 th February	Pupils return to school
23 rd March	Last day of term
9 th April	Pupils return to school
7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday (one day)
25 th May	Last day of term
4 th June	Pupils return to school
20 th July	Last day of term