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Dear Parents

I hope that you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with our International Week. Many of you gave up your time to lead workshops with the children sharing your food customs, helped with a restaurant or shop visit or provided a dish to share in the International Food Court. We are extremely grateful to all of you for your help. The children enjoyed the week but more importantly learned about food, culture and traditions from around the world.

### **Curriculum Information Sheets**

Curriculum information sheets were sent home last week outlining what the children will be learning in the term ahead. They are also put on the school website if you need to refer to them at any time.

### **NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assemblies**

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 May 12th. 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 and workshop to the children in our school.

What is the "Speak out Stay Safe" programme?

Through a child-friendly, interactive assembly their specially trained staff 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.

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](http://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](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/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/](http://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/)

### **Sainsburys Vouchers**

This promotion is soon to finish so if you have any vouchers could you please send them into school. The box for collecting the vouchers is under the digital display screen next to Lime Class.

## Monkey Bars

With the warmer weather many girls are now wearing summer dresses and for some girls they are able to hang upside down on the monkey bars. If this applies to your child can you please ensure that they are wearing suitable underwear or garments for doing this.

## Diary Dates for the term

5 <sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am	Eco Committee meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> 4.30 – 6.30pm	Open Evening for Parents and Children
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – School Closed
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year Four Egyptian Experience Day
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception trip to Celtic Harmony
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Rennie Grove Groovy Shoes Day
20 <sup>th</sup> June - 9.30am	Year Three Concert
21 <sup>st</sup> June - 9.30am	Year Two Concert
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year Three trip to Celtic Harmony
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year Two trip to Kew Gardens
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year One trip to Bekonscot
7 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year reports sent home
8 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> July	New children to visit and class changeover day
21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Term 1.30pm

NB Sports day will be held during the week beginning July 17<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation of the actual date is to follow.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J Goddard*

Headteacher