



Bird's Bush News



Spring Week 16

24th January 2020

Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact number so that we can contact you in an emergency and keep you updated with our message system.

Class Champions

RT	Savannah
1F	Kailan
2S	Harvey
2C	Jayden
3B	Ella
3/4G	Reece
4B	James
5/6G	Liam C
6H	All of them!

Read it! Winners

R	Layton
Y1	Ruben
Y2	Harry
Y3	Alyssa
Y4	Silvin
Y5	Hadley
Y6	Lilly May



The Year 6 children, who didn't go to Laches Wood, had a lovely afternoon at the Forest School in Dosthill Park



Diary Dates

10th February—Reception Stay & Play 9.00—9.45 a.m.

17th—21st February - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

28th February - Coffee Morning

5th March - World Book Day

20th March - Mr Billings Celebration of Learning Assembly

25th & 26th March - Parent Consultation Evenings

27th March - Non Uniform day for Chocolate donations

2nd April (THURSDAY) - Chocolate Bingo

6th April—17th April—EASTER HOLIDAY

Further details about events will be sent out by text or letter nearer the date.

ADVANCE NOTICE - We have been informed that we are required as a polling station again on **Thursday 7th May**. This is a legal position that local councils have and we are not allowed to refuse. I have tried to argue against closure of the school but my case has been unsuccessful.

Newsletters are available via the App, on the website, by clicking the text link or we will send it by email - if you give us your email address!

Super Stars will be holding their Half-Term Holiday Club
Monday 17th—Friday 21st February at Little Stars Nursery.

Please call on-01827 210816 or
email—littlestarsbirdsusbush@yahoo.com for further details.

Year 6 SATS Preparation

We are now in the final countdown towards Year 6 SATS. They will take place in the week beginning 11th May. Please avoid booking appointments or planning absences during this week.

To help prepare we will be running after school booster session on **Thursdays from 3.15 until 4pm**. All Year 6 children are expected to join us for these sessions which we will make fun and relevant to their revision.

Children should be collected from the office at 4pm or please inform us if they are allowed to walk home on their own.

Unfortunately, Mrs Hathaway's baby boy is quite poorly so she is unlikely to be able to return to work next week. In her absence Mrs Davies, Mrs Ravenscroft and Mr Mahay will continue to lead Year 6. We wish Charlie a speedy recovery.



PSHE & RSE Parent consultation meeting

In light of upcoming changes to the requirements for relationships education and health education from September 2020, we have been working on how we can make sure that our curriculum meets the new Government statutory requirements and the needs of our pupils.

As part of this, we would like to invite you to come into school to hear about our preparations so far for the new requirements, which we will teach through our PSHE education lessons.

This will take place on Friday 31st January at 9.00am, it should last no more that 45 minutes.

We are sure you will find the session useful and informative.

Free Personal Safety app

A free app for smartphones has been designed to protect both men and women from possible danger. Hollie Guard turns your smartphone into a personal safety device.

If in danger simply shake your phone to generate an alert, your location, audio and video evidence of the incident will automatically be sent to your emergency contact via text and email. Shake it again and it sends out a high pitched alarm and the flash starts to strobe, in order to attract maximum attention.

To register for an account or download a free user guide please visit www.hollieguard.com Download the app via Google Play and the Apple Appstore

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 **3rd and 12th February 2020**. 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 year 5 and 6 as well as a workshop.

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 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 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

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/

Feb Half Term 2020
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3x 90minute Sessions

Childs Session 10.30am - 12 Kids Bounce Adults Spectate	Character Session 12.15 - 1.45pm Kids Bounce & Come as SuperHero or Princess Adults Spectate	Family Session 2PM - 3.30pm Kids & Adults Adults can Bounce with their Children
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Book Online www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk
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Denese Hill (our Family Support Worker) will be holding a coffee morning in school once a month for our current parents. Our next coffee morning is next Friday, 31st January, 8.45—9.45 a.m.

Denese is also available throughout the week to discuss any issues, problems or concerns you may have.

Lunches next week are:-

Monday	Pizza or Cheese & Bean Wrap
Tuesday	All Day Breakfast or Vege All Day Breakfast
Wednesday	Roast Turkey or Cheese & Potato Pie
Thursday	Meatballs or Quorn in Tomato Sauce
Friday	Fish & Chips or Quorn Dippers & Chips

Jackets & Sandwiches are served each

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