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Dear Parents and Carers,

Stay Safe Talk for Year 6

On Monday, 26th February we have arranged for a fabulous speaker, Mrs Marilyn Hawes, to deliver a parent and child workshop about recognising grooming behaviours and how to keep your children safe. This is in response to stories in local and national press about children still suffering from different forms of abuse. Mrs Hawes has been on Good Morning Britain, BBC news and Sky news and is the CEO of Enough Abuse UK.

It is expected that **ALL** Year 6 parents attend this workshop. Schools and parents need to work together to safeguard children. The information is hard hitting and so it is vital that you attend in order to hear and discuss the information with your child.

The Enough Abuse workshop is taking place during school time starting at 1.45 p.m. Please note that the workshop is **NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**, therefore we are giving you plenty of notice to allow you to make childcare arrangements.

If you would like any further information you can visit www.enoughabuseuk.com or www.childline.org.uk.

Parents of Featherstone Wood (PofFW)

A couple of weeks ago it was mentioned that, due to lack of parental involvement, the Valentine's Disco would likely be the last event that they would run.

It is regrettable that the PofFW are no longer able to continue with so few members and it has been decided to cancel the Summer Fair which was scheduled for 23rd June, 2018.

There is a huge amount of work involved in organising events for the children and, in spite of a request for extra parental involvement, none has been forthcoming.

In light of this I hope you will all join me in thanking Mrs Mallam, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Poulter and Miss Eden for all their hard work in running and organising the events for children in the past.

Star Learners

This week's Star Learners are:-

Reception - Leo Glazebrook
Year 1 - Lauren White
Year 2 - Samuel Edmonds
Year 3 - Tom Caplen
Year 4 - Aston Taylor
Year 5 - Mizan Rahman
Year 6 - Mia Cox

Well done everyone – keep up this excellent work.



PE Star Learners

Our PE Star Learners this week are Constantina Velescu, Year 2 and Aston Taylor, Year 4.

Constantina was awarded the trophy for her perseverance and progression in tennis.



Aston received the trophy for displaying fantastic control and technique in tennis.



Attendance Award

Year 6 won the Attendance trophy this week with 97.32%. Well done Year 6.



Yoga Session

Thank you to Mrs Handysides and Mrs Higgins for arranging the parent and child yoga session last night. It was nice to see both adults and children enjoying the session.



SEN/Pastoral Parent Surgeries

Please see below the dates of the next parent surgeries for this term:-

SEN (with Mrs R. Smith):

Wednesday, 21st March – 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Pastoral (with Mrs A. Handysides):

Thursday, 22nd March – 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

If you would like to book an appointment to see either of the above, please call in at the School Office to book.

Visiting Author

To coincide with World Book Day on the 5th March an author – Mini Grey – will be in school all day working with the children. After school there will be a book signing and you will also be able to purchase books.

On Thursday, 1st March, we will also be having a special World Book Day dinner – Mr Silly's Chicken or The Bold's Boulders (Mini Quorn Kiev), Dotty Peas and Space Ship Discs, Paddington's Marmalade Sponge with Brain Freeze ice cream.

World Book Day

Also on Thursday, 1st March, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character for a donation of £1.00.

They should bring the book to school which their character is in.



Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

Daffodils are once again on sale in the office. Marie Curie is a charity which gives care and support through terminal illness.



Stevenage Library

Stevenage Library is holding Active Rhymes for Toddlers on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March, 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Spaces are limited. The activities are free but they would welcome donations of £1.00 per family. For more information please call 0300 123 4049 or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries.

Girls Football

During the Easter holiday a girls football camp is being run at Mary Exton School, Hitchin. The camp runs from Monday, 9th April to Thursday, 12th April from 9.00 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. The cost is £20.00 per day and is for ages 5 – 12 years old.

To check availability and arrange booking and payment please visit admin@smallstarsgroup.com.



Dates for your Diary

9th March – Mother's Day Sale

19th March – Spelling Bee Heats in class

28th March – Spelling Bee Final – 9.00 a.m.

28th March – Exhibition Day

28th March - Term ends

29th March - Inset Day

Summer Term:

16th April - Term starts

14th to 18th May – SAT's Week Year 6

21st to 24th May – SAT's week Year 2

24th May – End of term

25th May - Inset Day

28th May – 1st June - Half term

4th June - Children back to school

6th to 8th June – PGL Trip

11th to 15th June – Year 1 phonics check

15th June – Father's Day Sale

6th July – Sports Day

16th July – Y6 Leavers Party

20th July – Leavers Assembly

20th July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

23rd July - Inset Day

24th July - Occasional Day

25th July - Occasional Day

26th July - Occasional Day

27th July - Occasional Day

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