



# Newsletter

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## Headline:

### Stranger Danger / Safe Play

Spring has sprung! Now the evenings are getting lighter and longer, hopefully children will be out and about looking for signs of spring and enjoying playing with their friends – the new park at the bottom of King's Bastion looks amazing!

You may also be considering letting your child walk to or home from school alone or with friends. This helps them to develop their sense of independence and also their road safety and social skills. In PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education) in school we regularly learn about keeping ourselves safe and being vigilant about personal safety as well as the safety of others. Children can talk knowledgeably about steps they can take to keep themselves safe and how to avoid potentially dangerous situations.

### Here are some tips to remind your children how to keep themselves safe and enjoy their playtime:

Remind your child that a stranger is someone you don't know and that most strangers are nice, but some are nasty and want to hurt children.

- NEVER** ... go with a stranger
- NEVER** ... take things from a stranger
- NEVER** ... get in a car with a stranger
- NEVER** ... go off on your own

It is safer and more fun to be with friends, but make sure you tell your parents or carer where you are and if someone scares you, or tries to touch you in ways that make you feel uncomfortable...

**YELL** ... tell them to stop

**RUN** ... get home as quick as you can. If you can't get home, go somewhere you know will be safe, like your school, a large shop or a police station

**TELL** ... tell your parent or carer or someone you can trust right away

**Remember:** You can't tell a goodie from a baddie just by looking at them. If a stranger frightens you, go home and tell your parents or carer right away. If you can't go home, tell someone you can trust, like a police officer in uniform, your teacher or a grown up you know well. This also includes E-Safety and the importance of NEVER agreeing to meet someone you have met on-line without being with a grown up and always telling parents / carers what they are doing on-line.



FS2 enjoying multi-cultural week



**Coming Soon**

**8<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 Parents' SATs briefing at 2.45**

**13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5/6 recorder event in Central Hall Chatham**

**14<sup>th</sup> March - Springwatch sponsored walk**

**15<sup>th</sup> March - Library bus at school**

**16<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 pupils weighed and measured**

**24<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day - Your child can wear red if they pay £1.00**

**29<sup>th</sup> March LKS2 (Years 3 & 4) Production - to families at 10.45 and to adults only at 2.00pm**

**31<sup>st</sup> March - Whole school tag day**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May - Class photographs**

**Easter Term 2017**  
Tuesday 21st February – Friday 31st March

**Spring Term 2017**  
Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May

Bank holiday Monday 1st May

**Summer Term 2017**  
Tuesday 6th June – Tuesday 25th July

Last week's top three highest attendance was achieved by the following classes:

**2R and Nursery (AM) - 99.1%**  
**3/4M - 98.8%**  
**FS2H - 99.4%**

## News

### Royal Mail Christmas Stamp Competition

We would really like to enter all pupils into this year's competition! The theme is "What does the Christmas season mean to me?" This could be anything from the nativity story or carol singers, to Christmas dinner with the family or receiving gifts. Each child has been given an entry form. They will need to cover the whole drawing space and return it to school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the latest. To find out more about the prizes, please visit :

<http://www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition>



## Rights Respecting Schools

As a Rights Respecting School, every week we remind ourselves of an article from the Convention of the Rights of the Child:

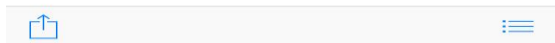
### Article 21

You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.

## Reminders

### Sponsored Springwatch Walk

Now that spring is officially here we are very excited to see that our nest box is being visited regularly! We are going to celebrate our environment theme on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March with children from years 1 - 6 taking part in a sponsored walk to learn more about their local environment get some exercise and fresh air as well as raising some funds for improving the school grounds, particularly for outdoor learning. The walk will be from 1.45 - 2.45 and children will receive forms to be sponsored to walk (or jog) continuously for the whole hour - not per lap. Pupils in FS1 and FS2 will hold their walk at a later date so watch this space!



## Year 6 Parents

Next Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, we have a Year 6 Parents' SATs briefing at 2.45. Please try and attend if you can as we can answer any questions you may have about this important time for our Year 6 pupils. Thank you.

## Red Nose Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. If your child would like to take part, they may wear red clothes to school if they pay £1.00. We also have a few red noses still for sale from the front office at £1.00 each. All proceeds go to Comic Relief.

## Gillingham Football Club

The match on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March between Gillingham and Scunthorpe will have tickets for under 18's at just £1.00. Why not go along and support your local team?

## Water bottles

We now sell water bottles at the school office. Just £1.00 each in a variety of colours. Why not purchase a bottle and then order some name stickers via our website?

## Pat on the Back

FS2B - De'Andre for showing excellent concentration in his learning this week. Kyle P for trying new fruit

FS2H - Molly and Elliot for independent writing in RWI  
FS2L - Brooke for her number knowledge and Jamey for always being kind and caring

1B - Zimnani for being a role model for others in the classroom. Nathan for showing a great improvement in his big maths this week

1C - Jake for working hard at counting back in steps of 1. Toby for working hard at his reading

2C - William for demonstrating enthusiasm towards his new learning Michaela for her perseverance towards her learning

2R - Jessica B for improvement in her handwriting and Aeydn for improvement in RWI

## Inclusions:

- Yr 6 weight and measure permission slip
- Springwatch sponsored walk sponsorship form

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.*

**Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason**

**Assistant Heads : Mrs Price ( 4-7 year olds) and Mr Presneill ( 7-11 year olds)**

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