



Newsletter



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STAY AND LEARN

School Security

As a result of the recent tragic terrorist incidents; schools have been asked by the Authorities to risk assess school trips and security procedures. School trips should as far as possible continue as before. They have also provided additional information to support schools and families.

In light of this we will keep all school trips and visits under constant review and we will keep you updated of any changes. In addition, the school will have a lockdown drill and an evacuation drill over the coming weeks. Staff have explained that these drills are like the fire drills we do, talking to the children about what is going to happen, to ensure that they are not unduly upset.

Children and families may well have worries, and there are several very good websites that you might want to use to help explain to your children about the recent incidents.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40019250>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>



The Met Police Commissioner asked us to pass this message on to our children:

- That all forms of extremism and hatred are wrong

- No faith or religion believes in violence or hurt
- Look out for anything suspicious and report it to an adult or to the police
- Use your powerful voice as a generation of young people to support the **#WeStandTogether** campaign

FUDGE Day

The children had a great day on Thursday 25th May when many fathers, uncles, grandads, brothers and friends came in to school to share their hobbies and careers. Scouting, Football coaching, Piano player, Bus driver, Ukelele and Boccia were just some of the exciting things the children experienced. A very big thank you to everyone who took part, and to Mrs Gwillam and Mrs Johnson who organised this super day.

Stay and Learn and Grandparents Tea

Nursery and Reception once again hosted a successful Stay and Learn session. Parents and Carers were very impressed with what their young people could do.



Grandparents were invited to tea, and to have a look around the Reception and

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Nursery classrooms. The highlight of the morning was, of course, the delicious cake that was served with the tea.

Holidays in school time

We have recently had a number of parents requesting permission to take their child out of school for a term-time holiday.

The school is not permitted to authorise any holiday during school time. Please be aware of this and book your holidays during the school holidays. Penalty notices will be considered for each parent who takes their child out of school for an unauthorised holiday, regardless of previous attendance. This is as a result of the recent High Court judgement.

Reminders:

Remember to check our school website for information.

Please push scooters on the school grounds.

Dogs are not allowed on the school site.

Please put your mobile phone away when on the school site.

Remember to check your child's hair regularly for head lice.

Please make sure that you do not send nuts or nut products into school.

If you need to see your child's teacher, please make an appointment via the office staff.

Nursery finishes at 12.00 and main school at 3.15pm - please make sure that your child is collected from school on time.

