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## Newsletter

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"You're the same today as you'll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read."

Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

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### Diary Dates

WB 16/6/14—Year 1 Phonic Screening Check, Year 2 SATs

17/6/14—Sports Day—KS2 9.30-11.30.  
Foundation/KS1 1.15—2.30p.m.

Wednesday 18th June—Open School 3.10p.m.—4.00p.m.

Wednesday 16th July—5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.—Open Evening

Friday 18th July—last day of Summer Term

On the second page of the newsletter is a handy NSPCC parent sheet to teach your child about the Underwear Rule.

### Sports Day

Please remember that it is our school Sports Day on Tuesday, 17th June. KS2 Sports Day is in the morning from 9.30a.m. until 11.30 a.m. Once finished we will stay at the Garrison Track for a picnic lunch, where we will be joined by the Foundation and KS1 children, leaving the school at approximately 12.00p.m. Foundation and KS1 will then have their Sports Day from 1.15p.m. As per the letter we sent out last week, all children will need a packed lunch that day which parents can send in from home or which can be ordered from the school.



### Sponsored Walk

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for the sponsored walk last Friday at Abbeyfields. It was a

brilliant afternoon, with both the children and parents putting in a sterling effort with their lap completion. So far about £450 in sponsor money has been handed in to the school. If children and sponsors could all chase sponsor money and hand it in to the school office as soon as possible—it would be very much appreciated.



My thanks to the PTA who organised this event and for their excellent marshalling.



### Kingswood

Please remember that if you have not paid the last instalment of £65 this is now very overdue. The FINAL PAYMENT of £60 is due by Friday 13th June.

### Handwriting Competition

The Rotary Club, courtesy of Mr Ian McMeekan, has very kindly offered to run a Handwriting Competition again this year. Class teachers have copies of the handwriting sheet which this year is a poem entitled Purple Pinkie—Thanks for Life. KS1 need to copy out the first verse in their best handwriting and KS2 children the whole poem. Poems can be illustrated as well and the deadline for entries is 25th June.

### Year 2 Mini Games

Yesterday afternoon, our Year 2 children took part in a 'Mini Games' event at the Garrison Track—with children from other local primary schools. The children took part in nine



events altogether ranging from javelin throwing, hurdles and sprints to sack races and squeezing the water out of a sponge! The children were brilliant and worked together fantastically—so very well done. Thank you as well to all the parents who came along to support.



### Cream and Hats

Could parents please make sure that children are liberally coated in sun cream before they come to school and also have a hat for their heads.

### Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Ebonnie Jones
- Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Oscar Whitwell
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Marci Nicoll
- Lion Award (Dutch) - Sam McLean
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Alfie Sayers
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Rosie Whitwell
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Martha McLean
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Miarah Valencia
- Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Millie Self
- Mickey Award (Roses) - Stanislaw Bijan
- Simba Award — Mercury
- Spot Award — Amanda Dugdale
- Attendance Award—Circus



### Year 5 Commonwealth Games Tournament at St Helena

On Tuesday our Year 5 children headed off to St Helena to take part in an inter-schools completion linked to the Commonwealth Games. Miss. Pickard and Mrs. Cooke's netball coaching is clearly paying dividends as the netball team won the netball event. Damia got a brilliant gold in the javelin and although our relay team won their heat we were apparently a bit slower than the winners of another heat so had to settle for second. All in all an excellent afternoon—well done to all the Year 5s for your effort and enthusiasm. A special mention as well to our Year 6 cheerleaders who chanted us to victory...



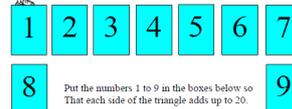
### Maths Challenge

From last week reading from left to right. Angle, number, arc, odd, decagon, triangle, estimate, kilometre, sum, billion, subtraction, factor.

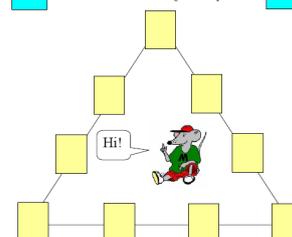


### Puzzle time

Tricky twenty triangle



Put the numbers 1 to 9 in the boxes below so that each side of the triangle adds up to 20.



This weeks challenge

And Finally...

You may have noticed that our school bell tower has been silent this week. This is due to the overenthusiastic campanological efforts of our two Year 6 bellringers (who shall remain nameless). The bell and rope have parted company and Mr Bromley now faces the task of climbing into the bell tower to tie the rope back on. Hopefully the bell will toll again soon!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

## The Underwear Rule

Teach your child the Underwear Rule and help protect them from abuse

The Underwear Rule is a simple way that parents can help keep children safe from abuse - without using scary words or mentioning sex.

### Talk PANTS and you've got the Underwear Rule covered

PANTS is an easy way for you to explain to your child the key elements of the Underwear Rule:

#### Privates are private

Be clear with your child that the parts of their body covered by underwear are private.

Explain to your child that no one should ask to see or touch their private parts or ask them to look at or touch anyone else's.

Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. Explain that this is OK, but that those people should always explain why, and ask your child if it's OK first.



#### Always remember your body belongs to you

Let your child know their body belongs to them, and no one else.

No one has the right to make them do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. And if anyone tries, tell your child they have the right to say no.

[Remind your child that they can always talk to you](#) about anything which worries or upsets them.



#### No means no

Make sure your child understands that they have the right to say "no" to unwanted touch - even to a family member or someone they know or love.

This shows that they're in control of their body and their feelings should be respected.

If a child feels confident to say no to their own family, they are more likely to say no to others.



#### Talk about secrets that upset you

Explain the differences between 'good' and 'bad' secrets.

Phrases like "it's our little secret" are an abuser's way of making a child feel worried, or scared to tell someone what is happening to them.

Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people.

Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened.

Your child needs to feel able to speak up about secrets that worry them and confident that saying something won't get them into trouble.

Telling a secret will never hurt or worry anybody in your family or someone you know and love.



#### Speak up, someone can help

Tell your child that if they ever feel sad, anxious or frightened they should talk to an adult they trust.

This doesn't have to be a family member. It can also be a teacher or a friend's parent - or even [ChildLine](#).

Remind them that whatever the problem, it's not their fault and they will never get into trouble for speaking up.

