



Cavalry Newsletter 20.02.2023



Children's mental health week:

Thank you for supporting our non uniform day in aid of Place2Be, the children's mental health charity. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a total of £568.00.



Don't forget, you can find help for parents:

By visiting the parenting smart pages on the Place2Be website
for lots of support and ideas

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



Attendance:

We have updated our school attendance policy to reflect recent changes in job roles at Cambridgeshire County Council. Where we have significant concerns about a child's absence from school, we are now supported by a Local Authority Attendance Officer. You can find our policy on the school website.

All children should have 100% attendance at school unless they are forced to stay at home by genuine illness. There are a few very exceptional circumstances where absence may be authorised, such as to attend a funeral or a hospital appointment. Holidays in term time are not authorised and may lead to a penalty notice (a fine issued by the County Council).

Best attendance last week: congratulations to Class 5 with 95% and Class 1 with 97%. Our whole school target is 97%.



NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’

As previously shared in a letter to parents, over the next two weeks we will be sharing the NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ materials with the children.



Speak out Stay safe is an online safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands.

This programme helps children understand:



- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child’s fault and that they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including the [Childline service](#).

NSPCC 'PANTS materials'



We also make regular use of the NSPCC's 'Pants' materials with children across school and nursery.

Here's the link to their resources for parents and families:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Book Week - 27th February to 3rd March

Join in as we celebrate the joy of reading!



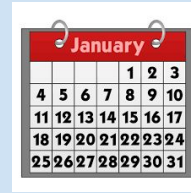
Dig out any books your child has grown out of and donate them to our book swap - bring in donations on **Monday and Tuesday** next week, then we will set up tables full of free books so the children can help themselves at home time on **Wednesday**.



Come along to 'Books at Bedtime' (Nursery at 5.15 to 6.00 p.m.) Reception through to Y2 at 6.00 to 7.00 p.m.) or 'Books after Dark' (Y3 through to Y6 at 7.15 to 8.15 p.m.) on **Thursday**. No need for a ticket, just come along in your PJs.

Dress up as a favourite book character - all you need is a simple home made costume - check online or on pinterest for inspiring ideas. This will be on **Friday** 3rd March.





Dates for your calendar:

Monday 27th February - parents' evening 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 28th February - parents' evening 3.30 to 6.00 p.m.

28th Feb to 3rd March - Book Week including:

Wednesday 1st March - book swap at the end of the school day

Thursday 2nd March - Books after Bedtime/ Books after Dark

Friday 3rd March - dress up as your favourite book character

Monday 13th March - Y6 trip to National Space Museum Leicester

20th to 24th March - Y5 residential visit to Wales

Friday 31st March - last day of Spring term

All term dates 2022/23 and 2023/24 are available on the school website. Please remember that holidays in term time are not authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances and you may receive a penalty notice if your child misses school.

