

Spring Vale Primary

Weekly News – 27 October 2023

This has been an extremely busy and rewarding half term. All the staff and children fully deserve their week to relax and recuperate before we enter possibly the most exciting half term. It is also the season of warm jumpers and hot chocolate! Thanks once more for your support.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVING MORE



DARK NIGHTS SAFETY ADVICE

With the clocks going back on Saturday night, this means that it will soon be dark when children are walking home from school and playing out in the evening. Here are some safety tips for you to share with your children:-

- If possible, walk with a friend or group of friends.
- Stay alert - keep an eye on everything that is happening around you.
- Avoid wearing earphones or chatting on your mobile phone, as this will distract you from your surroundings.
- Trust your instincts - if you have a 'funny feeling' about someone or something, don't ignore it, act on it straight away.
- Take the route you know best and stick to busy, well-lit streets.
- Walk in the middle of the pavement, facing oncoming traffic. This will avoid any cars driving up alongside you as you walk.
- Think about your route home. Where would be a safe place to go if something went wrong? Safe places might be busy places like shops or garages, friends' houses or a police station.
- Have your keys ready as you approach your home so you can get inside quickly.



BONFIRE NIGHT/FIREWORKS SAFETY

Bonfire night is always an exciting event for children, whether you decide to attend an official display or choose to have your own display at home. If you are having your own display, here are some tips for keeping yourselves and your families safe:-

Fireworks

- Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used. Children should not be asked to help at any stage
- Children should watch displays from a safe distance - they should be well away from both the fireworks and any bonfires.
- Families should keep a torch, buckets of water, eye protection, gloves and a bucket of soft earth on hand. The bucket of sand can be used to place fireworks in ready to be lit.

Bonfires

- ⊗ The area around the fire should be cordoned off and any children nearby should be supervised at all times.
- ⊗ The fire should be lit away from wooden fences, sheds and any places where children will be playing.
- ⊗ Petrol, paraffin or sprits should never be poured directly onto a fire. Families should use fire lighters to prevent sudden flare-ups.

Sparklers

- ⊗ It is recommended that sparklers are not given to under-5s
- ⊗ Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves
- ⊗ Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit and light them one at a time
- ⊗ Don't wave sparklers about close to other people
- ⊗ Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler
- ⊗ When the sparkler has finished put it in a bucket of cold water.



non-uniform days

Monday 13th November - Diwali (this is the closest school day we have to Diwali). Children can wear traditional clothes or non-uniform to school

Friday 17th November - Children in Need. Children can wear pyjamas or non-uniform to school in exchange for a small cash donation to Children in Need



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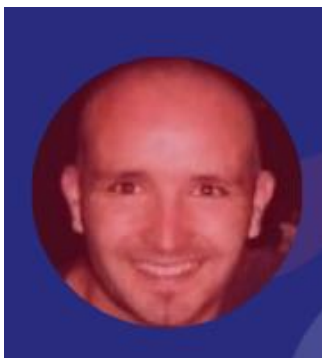
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WHEN	Hilton Hall: 30th & 31st October	WHERE	Hilton Hall Community Centre, Hilton Road, WV4 6BT
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	10.00 AM til 3.00 PM		

FREE for all children living in Wolverhampton including lunch!

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During Mr Blunt's assemblies next half term, we will be using a resource called "In the news" Every week, a current topic is chosen that is a current affairs issue relevant to children. As part of my assemblies and learning, we will put the topic on the newsletter, as well as some prompts, to further discussions at home over the weekend. This is an example of this weeks' topic:-

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas, close to homes and schools, from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures. Ministers in Wales have said the 20mph limit would make roads safer, with the aim also being to increase the number of people choosing to walk or cycle. Changing the speed limit, along with the need to raise awareness and amend road signs, has cost the government in Wales just over £32m. However, ministers believe the cost will be outweighed by reduced impact on emergency services and the NHS.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Think about the area outside of your school. Do you feel it is safe? What is in place to make it safe? Do you know what the speed limit is?
- > What about where you live? What are the roads like there, and do you think that drivers travel at a safe speed?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments