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Dear Parents,

It has been a week full of investigations and enquiries as the Y2 children immerse themselves in the life and times of people when the Great Fire of London broke out, Y1 are finding out about castles, who lived and worked there and what purpose they had. In the Foundation Stage the children have become expert palaeontologists and have 'dug back in time' to look at fossils and 'walk like dinosaurs'. Their language, pictures, written accounts and photographs are a delight to see and will soon be displayed in the classroom so that they can be viewed at parents' evening. Paul, our chef, even made dinosaur biscuits for the Foundation Stage children to eat with their ice-cream this week! Here are two for a little preview:

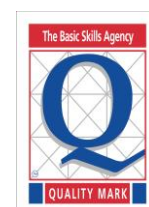


Governors in School

Governors are often in school helping out and joining in as many of our governors also have children at our two schools. Our governors today were looking closely at standards within the infant school by looking at assessment data, scrutinising pupils' work, visiting classrooms, talking to the children and talking with myself and Mrs Razey too. Governors have had a very busy day and will return for more observations in classrooms and then write a report so that the whole governing body have an accurate picture of the children as learners, their achievements and progress. Governors work in a voluntary capacity and I thank them for the time that they donate to help ensure that the children are receiving excellent teaching and learning opportunities.

Library refurbishment

Great progress is being made in the library with storage systems and display boards in place and the painting of walls and woodwork taking place as I type. The school are planning lots of exciting



events for the reopening of the library and I have one, which is this week's Head Teacher Challenge that I want to share with you today ...

Head Teacher Challenge

We would like to display photographs (they can be sent electronically for us to print out at school) showing children reading in comfy, exciting or 'extreme' situations and I will leave this challenge open for two weeks. Pictures will be displayed in the library and also on the website. Being careful with the book, (no pictures of reading in the bath) I wonder where you can take a picture of your child reading or to whom! Head Teacher stickers will be awarded to all who participate. Even if your child has not taken part in a Head Teacher Challenge before, I am hoping that this challenge will give them the opportunity to participate. For those confident with technology at home, you may choose to select a 'background' and superimpose your child reading onto it. All pictures, simple or complex will be welcomed.

Food tasting at lunch time

A reminder that all children, including the packed lunch children, will have tasting opportunities during lunchtime on Monday.

NSPCC Speak out and Stay Safe campaign

You may have seen the advertisements on TV about staying safe and speaking up using the dinosaur characters and we shall be using this message as part of our staying safe programme that we run in school. You might like to look at the 'Talk Pants' clip which explains the underwear rule about what is in our pants is private. The clip is called Talk Pants and is found at nspcc.org.uk/underwear. Discussions at home will help children to keep themselves safe and this new clip could be useful for your family.

Parental behaviour in the playground


As parents, we are the best role models for children to follow so please can I remind all parents to use polite language free from swear words, sexualised language and racist words.

To behave in a friendly manner with other parents and not over friendly with each other (in other words no petting)

Not to smoke or vape or consume alcohol in the playground and not to bring any dogs, cats or other animals into the playground at any time.

Please also keep any arguments or disputes off the playground. Thank you

Thankfully these above behaviours are few but I would like to create a playground where the experience for children and parents alike is a positive one.

I would like to thank the parents, PTFA members, volunteers and governors who have all contributed, as they often do, to the experiences and opportunities that the children have benefitted from this week. I hope you all have a great weekend! I have an exciting and busy week ahead as my flat pack bee hives have arrived so I know what I will be doing! My extreme reading challenge to myself will be reading a bee book next to my bee hive (full of bees) and wearing my suit to avoid being stung! 

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher