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#### Dear Parents,

It has been delightful to see the children back refreshed after the holiday and I have been personally very pleased to hand out stickers to those children who took part in my Head Teacher reading challenge. Hearing a story every day is such a gift that can be given to a child and it makes such a difference to their enjoyment of stories, their understanding of how to write stories for themselves and when using non fiction books, it opens up so many opportunities for your child to find out about the world in which we live. It is always lovely to read a book from a collection at home but also fun to borrow books from the library. If you and your child(ren) are already members then try going along more regularly and if not, it is free to join and could form part of a great activity to do once or twice a week. The Peverell Library is open from 10-5 weekdays and from 10-1 on Saturday. If you and your child visit the library in the next two weeks, please let me know so that I can hand out one of my special stickers.

#### Sycamore Class Assembly

Thank you to Sycamore Class who took us back in time for a sensory exploration of 1666 and the Great Fire of London. We enjoyed the songs, drama, pictures, video footage and were particularly delighted to see all the children performing in front of a large audience with such confidence and enjoyment. Thankfully we didn't have any of the 'smells' of 1666, although the children gave a very strong impression of how awful it must have been! Head Teacher stickers have been sent to all the children and staff.

### Social media platform safety

Action for Children and the local police have provided me with some reminders about keeping infant and junior aged children away from social media platforms. This is my reminder to also be vigilant and supportive of your child when they are doing research on the computer, making sure that you have put on the parental restrictions so that you are reducing their risk of finding unsuitable material. Please see below the age restriction reminders for use of social media platforms. Please take your child off these sites if you have mistakenly put them on it and ensure that they do not see material that adults or older siblings are seeing.









# Pirate Weekend – 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 10-4pm

Pirate activities will be happening on the Barbican, Sutton Harbour and West Hoe Park on the above dates some of which are free. It will be a great opportunity to dress up, soak up the atmosphere and hear singing, watch re-enactments and displays or join in with craft activities/shows etc(these need to be paid for)

Have a lovely weekend and see how many books you can enjoy with your child(ren)

Yours sincerely, E.A. Hill Head Teacher

