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Dear Parents and Carers,

In our Whole School Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Gainsborough: Seth J, Seth M, Verity and Elva

Medlycott: James, Bodhi, Evie and Tyler

Venn: Logan, Rex, Scarlett and Jack

Kingsbury: Eliza, Edie, Amelia and Lillie-Anne

Newtown: Lilly, Martha, Chester and Sophie

Crackmore: Lacey, Aiden, Toby and Alanna

Please can I remind you about the cancellation of after school provision, Premier Sports club, tuition groups and ReBorne Club on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January. As I stated in my email last week, we will have no electricity between 3.30pm and 5.30pm on these days and, unfortunately, the maintenance work could not be scheduled for half term. Renewed apologies to those of you who will be affected by this inconvenience.

On Friday 9th February, we will be having another Look and Share session, where your child/ren will be able to show you his/her/their work. We have decided to run this at **2.45pm** which will hopefully give those parents with several children more time to move around classrooms. You will be able to take your child home after Look and Share or go to Pancake Fun which is being organised by the PTFA.

All of the children are studying Geography this term and so we are creating a whole school Geography display in the Hall. We are asking for your help with this please! If you have any family members who live in other parts of the UK or the world, please could you ask them to send your child a postcard? We can then locate different towns and cities on the map. If you, or a family member, are planning a short break or a holiday, please could you send (or bring back) a postcard which we can add to our display? The more, the merrier! This is a lovely way to develop children's locational knowledge and we look forward to seeing the display grow during the term.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term as part of our work on safeguarding. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This national, child friendly programme, which is used by many schools across the country, is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies. Gainsborough, Medlycott and Venn will be having their assembly on Tuesday 30th January and Kingsbury, Newtown and

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Crackmore will have their assembly later on the same day. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

The KS1 assembly, introduced by Ant and Dec, covers the following content:

- Children's rights: speak out and have their views taken seriously, be kept safe, get help when they need it
- Different types of hurt: Hitting, hurting children's feelings, when privates are not private, not being looked after properly, bullying.
- Safe people children can speak to and Childline **0800 1111**

The KS2 assembly, also introduced by Ant and Dec, covers the following content:

- Common worries everyone might have
- Types of abuse: neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, bullying
- Safe adults children can speak to and Childline **0800 1111**

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe* programme, please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p>Parent/Carer support</p> <p>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home</p> <p>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
<p>Online Safety Hub</p> <p>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</p>	<p>Childline – under 12's</p> <p>Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)</p>

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<p align="center">Talk PANTS with your children</p> <p>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</p>	

Diary dates for this half term

Friday 2 nd February	KS2 Celebration Assembly Crackmore – Cake Sale 3.15pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February	KS1 Celebration Assembly Non-uniform day Look and Share at 2.45 pm Pancake Fun (after school – run by the PTFA)
Friday 15 th March	Medlycott – Cake Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Second hand book sale – run by the PTFA
Wednesday 20 th March	Inspire Morning for Crackmore Class in the Hall
Friday 22 nd March	Easter Bop Disco – run by the PTFA
Wednesday 27 th March	Inspire Morning for Medlycott Class in the Hall
Thursday 28 th March	Decorate an Easter Egg competition – run by the PTFA

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

Jonathan Rodd
Headteacher