

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn is definitely upon us as evidenced by the vast amounts of leaves underfoot and the incessant rain! Needless to say, this awful weather has had an impact on our plans. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our whole school evacuation practice last week, much to the disappointment of some of our younger children who were very much looking forward to Knowle Parish Church becoming a local cinema for a short time - the promise of a DVD had been made!

On a brighter note, it has been lovely to welcome a specialist dance teacher into school recently. She has been working with the teachers and their classes in Year 6, Year 5 and Year 2 to bring that extra level of challenge and skill to our lessons and we look forward to seeing the outcomes from these sessions shortly.

Last week was also national Anti-bullying Week and all classes focused on raising awareness and developing strategies to deal with bullying, should it occur. The national focus this year was, "*Change starts with us*" and we linked this to our acronym **S.T.O.P!** which stands for our definition of bullying: **Several Times On Purpose** and follows up with: **Start Telling Other People**.

Lastly, it was a real pleasure to see so many of you at the PA's Annual Winter Ball on Saturday. You all looked very beautiful - gentlemen included - and I thank you on behalf of everyone at school for your excellent fund raising efforts and note how well this was combined with a sensational ability to have a great time!!

*Jenny Goddall*

**Thank you from Sparkhill Foodbank!**

We have received a certificate from Les Allan, the Support & Advice Centre Supervisor, at the Narthex Centre, Sparkhill, thanking us for a great Harvest donation. We donated 97.4kg of food - the equivalent of 212 meals! The certificate is displayed on the Parents Information board outside the main office.

### **No Deal Brexit - School Catering**

We have received a reassuring message from Samantha Gilbert, Assistant Director at the Local Authority, regarding preparing schools for a no deal Brexit in relation to school catering.

She confirmed that local suppliers are used and their overall view is that availability of ingredients should not be an issue. In addition steps have been taken to secure prices where possible. Should there be any short term disruption to deliveries there are contingency plans in place for alternative menus.



### **Crime Prevention Message from West Midlands Police**

In recent days we have seen a shift in times when residential burglaries have been reported in Solihull. The key times have been between 4pm and 7pm. Homes have been unoccupied and in darkness as this is a time when homeowners have not returned from work or are out and about busy with family.

We saw a similar pattern this time last year and although burglary numbers in Solihull are down by around 20% for the same period this year we are mindful that the darker nights present more opportunities for burglars.

Using a light timer or a Fake TV is a great way to light up your home when you are out. We recommend setting a light to come on at around 3.30pm as it is dark indoors by late afternoon.

Our officers are out on active patrols speaking to residents about darker nights' crime prevention and if you need more advice on home security you can visit our virtual reality home 27 Station Road on WMP online

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/27stationroad>

Alison Rudd

PC 7022

Solihull Partnership Team

Solihull Police Station

Main switchboard number 101 extension 8913097

To report a non emergency dial 101



### **Important!**

If there is any change to your child's going home arrangements it is vital that you inform us (please do not use email). Please provide the name of the person they will be going home with, (including the surname - there is often more than one Samuel/Imogen in a class!). If your child is attending an after school club please also remember to inform the club.

Thank you



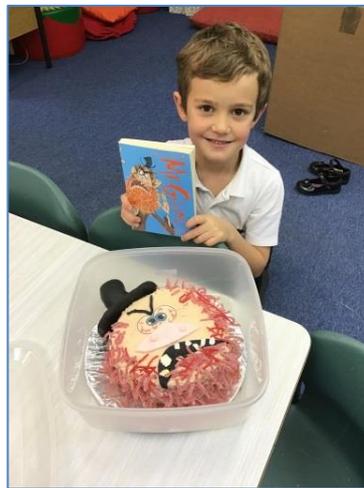
## Book-Themed Bake-Off Event

Recently pupils across the school have been invited to take part in our Book-Themed Bake-Off event, celebrating our love of books and baking. Pupils were asked to create a bake depicting a favourite book and present to the class their book and bake. Each class chose a winner, who is celebrated in our newsletter. We would like to say a huge thank you to our parents and carers for their time and support with the bakes - what a truly fantastic array of beautiful bakes! We were thrilled with the pupils' efforts. All the pupils who took part should be extremely proud of themselves and we thank you for making the event so enjoyable. Here is just a small selection of the bakes to enjoy...

### A Selection of our Winners.....



Madeleine, 6TS



Sam, 2B



George, 3HG



Elsie, RC



Isobel, 6F



Toby, NL

**Well done to everyone who entered the Competition!**

