



Dunster First School- Friday News

Headteacher: Naomi Philp

3rd November 2017

Dear parent, carer,

What an amazing start to this half term we have had; thank you so much for being so positive about our superhero day. It is never easy sourcing and sorting costumes and we appreciate it as we all had an absolutely fun time. Learning about safety from Spiderman and police officer Linda Brooks was a real treat. As you are aware, on that special day, the staff revealed their true identities and alter egos proving we have a school full of superheroes, from the children right through. Included in this letter this week we have some special photos of the day, included are photographs showing two of our staff out and about, keeping the village safe!

Our themes of this week have been 'safety and making a positive difference.' The superhero activity day set the tone for this perfectly, and further activities have been undertaken by each class.

Today, we had a very special science assembly from Fizz Pop. Astro Alice led an assembly where we exploded things, fired off balloons and generally learnt an awful lot about 'air' in an amazing and fun way. I am not sure in the end who they were more excited about - Spiderman and his dancing or Astro Alice and her crazy experiments.

We have included specific information regarding our Advent Fair, and are so grateful for the support already flooding in. Please please please continue to support us as this event raises such critical funds for us as a school. I can't wait to see it all come together as I have heard such wonderful things and am so impressed by how this whole community supports us.

For **Children in Need**, as we are getting a very special visit on the 14th November from a certain Bear himself, accompanied by some giant Wellingtons and Clare Carter from BBC Somerset Radio, we have decided to place a pair of wellingtons in our reception area with the sign 'please fill our boots!' and any donations you wish to make for Children in Need can be placed in these. Children can wear mufti on the 14th November and we are encouraging them to wear suitably themed clothing such as yellow, spots, boots, or bear ears, but this is not essential. Donations for the mufti, children will be placing in the boots in our special assembly on the 14th.

We recognise this extra mufti is tough, as it gate crashes our mufti for the Advent Fair, but because we are getting such a special visit from the Children in Need team, we really are just going for it and hoping that you are able to still support us for our Advent Fair mufti on the 17th November with the usual request for bring a jar, bottle, tin.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Naomi Philp
Head teacher

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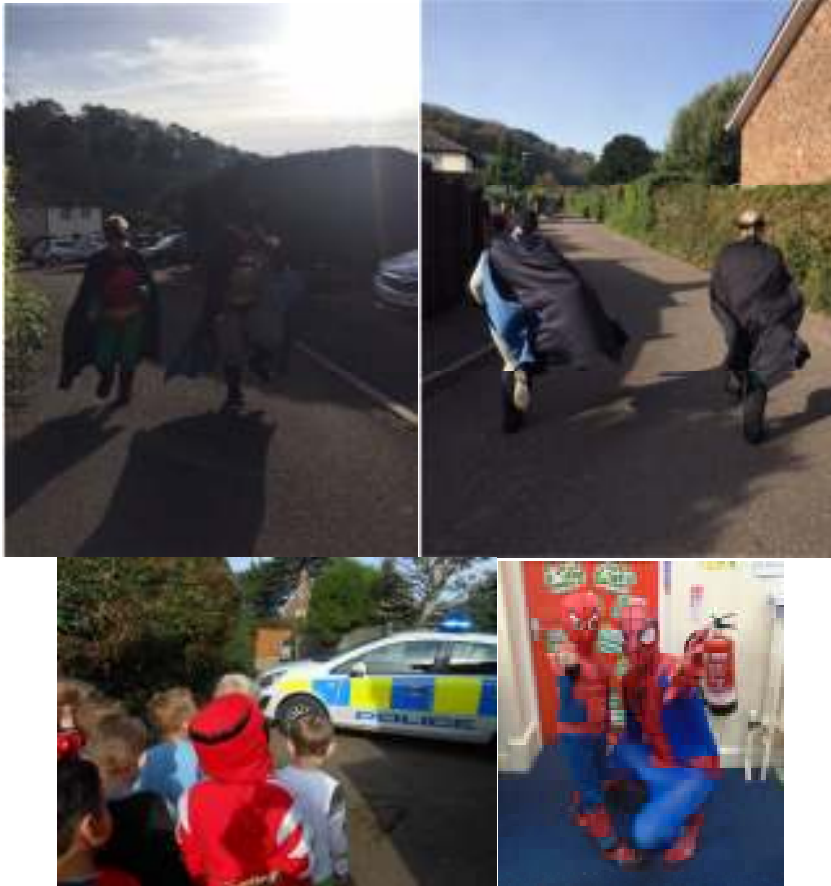
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Super heroes!



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Crusaders!*

Weekly Notices:

Safeguarding/ Safety Notices:

- **E-safety:** Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in an **e-safety session for parents**, there is still time to let Mrs Thrush know you are keen to attend so we can get something planned in the diary.
- **Just some reminders: Naomi Philp is the designated safeguarding lead at our school, supported in her role by Deputy Designated leads: Kate McEntee and Louise Collins. Should you have any concerns please report them direct to these members of staff.** If you have any concerns regarding radicalisation you can talk to our safeguarding team, or you can contact the police and ask to speak to the 'channel/ prevent officer.' If you have concerns about staff please report them immediately to the safeguarding team, and if you have concerns regarding the designated safeguarding lead you can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer, Anthony Goble at County Hall.

Other notices:

- **Flu Vaccination for all children on 9th November 2017** - we are aware some people have still not received letters and we are doing what we can to request that our Health partners rectify this for you. We realise that this means the consent forms will need a really quick turnaround and we appreciate your co-operation in getting them back to us as soon as you receive your letter.
- **The Tithe Barn** have kindly offered to open up their car park during school events whenever it is not being used for a private function. However, in order to maintain this positive relationship we kindly ask again that you do not park in front of their gates or block their entrance during pick up and collection times. The Steep car park and the Castle parking remain the best places for pick up and drop off.