

4th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school today and delivered their **Speak out. Stay safe.** assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'. We have chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event, and would value your support and encouragement.

Children will be doing 'The Floor is Lava' class competitions on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – which will not only be exciting for our children but also mean they're raising money for the NSPCC's vital work and helping keep even more children safe.

Participation is purely voluntary but if you would like to support the NSPCC's work, it would be fantastic if you could give permission for your child to take part by signing and return the sponsor form and money raised to school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you have more than one child in school simply put all your children's names at the top of one form.

Every child that attended the assembly today will receive a thank you in the form of a Speak out. Stay safe. Buddy sticker. We want them to wear it with pride. And by taking part in the fundraising event they will also get a coloured badge.

## Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards which includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at **nspcc.org.uk/pants** 

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website **nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/** 

Yours sincerely,

Mr Matthew Green Headteacher