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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a busy week we have had! We started the week with our Storyteller working with each class in turn. He not only told wonderfully engaging stories himself but also helped youngsters to become storytellers themselves. I am hugely looking forward to hearing some of the youngsters' stories this afternoon in our storytelling assembly. Throughout the week our youngsters have been practising the stories that they will tell and I will let you know about them in next week's letter. Our Storyteller was greatly impressed by our youngsters' confidence but even more so by the way they supported each other: something he tells us he never sees in city schools!

We were hugely pleased today to welcome Mr Brian Gilbert to talk to our KS2 youngsters this morning. Mr Gilbert is a good friend of our school: donating funds to help us provide equipment for outdoors and giving his time so willingly to share his wartime memories with our youngsters. We were honoured that he presented our school with the American Veterans' Day medal which we will treasure in memory of the American airmen who are so closely connected with the village.

I have observed that finding somewhere to park when dropping off and picking up youngsters is very difficult. Whilst I sympathise with those difficulties I really do need to ask you to not to park within the chevronned area outside of school and to be careful not to impede youngsters and their parents who have to cross the road to walk home. I know you will appreciate that our neighbours sometimes find the number of cars parked by the school somewhat of an obstacle. I am confident that you will bear that in mind. As the mornings and evenings are becoming lighter it may be that you feel that your youngsters can walk or cycle to school: we do have a cycle shed where bikes can be stored.

Next Tuesday is national **Internet Safety Day**. You will know that we address this as a matter of course within our curriculum but we will take the time next week to highlight this to our youngsters. With this letter there is a useful guide for parents – I would urge you to read it and to make sure that you fully understand your youngster's on line activities. Useful websites are:

NetAware: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Some Reminders

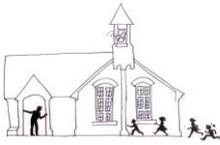
- After School Club will not run on Wednesday 8th February
- After School Sports Club for KS 2 youngsters starts on Tuesday 21st February – reply slips need to be returned as soon as possible.
- FOBS will organise Bag To School as usual with a 'deposit' day of March 16th. If you are having a clear out please save your clothes for us!!
- School closes for half term on Friday 10th February and opens on Monday 20th February.

Many thanks to the grandmas who helped our youngsters (especially Stars Class) with last week's challenge! I am pleased that so many families are persisting every week although I note that many of Comets Class have gone independent!! This week's challenge is a classic of lateral thinking!!

Have a good weekend

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