



## Autumn Newsletter

### Did you know?

- Pupils, parents and guardians need to be aware of the following:
  - A young person, under the age of 18, could be arrested and fined £40 if found in possession of a firework.
  - They could also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework in the street or make a bonfire in the street.
  - Throwing missiles like eggs, flour, paint (indeed any objects) at windows, doors, cars and people is an offence. If a young person is caught or reported to the police, they could be arrested and receive a £40 fine or a criminal record.
  - Some tricks can cause serious damage to homes and property. If this is the case, a criminal offence has been committed which could lead to arrest and prosecution.
  - If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the above offences, the parent/guardian will be liable to pay any fines.

It's also worth considering the following:

- It is only a small number of young people that can cause upset in communities at this time of year.
- The behaviour of this minority can be very frightening and intimidating to some within the local community - the elderly and the very young are particularly vulnerable.
- Some people can feel that they have been targeted personally and may not leave their homes for weeks after a so-called 'trick' has been played on them.
- Please be aware of your own actions and how they can affect others.

### Notes for parents/guardians:

- If your children are going out (particularly on 30 & 31 October), make sure you know where they are going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up from their activity.
- Don't let your children hang around the streets with nowhere to go.
- Ensure your child's safety by either accompanying them or arranging between friends for one of you to take a group of children out.
- If you are not accompanying your child, agree with them before they go out what time they should be home.
- Do not allow your child to take anything they could use as missiles out of the house.

**Thank you for your assistance and have a safe and enjoyable autumn season.**

**PC Norton**