Dear Parents,

From Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June, we will be teaching the Drugs Education programme to the Year 5 children.

This involves finding out about the meaning of the word ‘drugs’ and how people can use and abuse them. Some of our teaching is based on a series of three television programmes hosted by Tony Robinson. In these programmes various scenarios are acted out in which children find drugs, find themselves challenged to try drugs and discover some of the serious negative outcomes of this. The children in the programmes also discuss ways of dealing with challenging situations, ways of saying ‘no’ and thinking about the long-term effects of drugs on people’s health e.g. tobacco.

As well as watching these programmes and having follow up discussions in class, we will be doing other lessons about legal and illegal drugs, the dangers of smoking and excessive alcohol, what to do if a child finds or is offered drugs and thinking about the statement that ‘all medicines are drugs but not all drugs are medicines’. We will also be doing some drama where children will explore ways of refusing drugs. You can find a summary of all the lessons attached to this letter.

If you have any issues connected with drugs education that you would like to discuss with us, please come and talk to us. Alternatively you might like to borrow the DVD, either to watch it individually or together in a group with some other parents. Please come and see us if you would like to do this.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Boyle
Miss Rudd