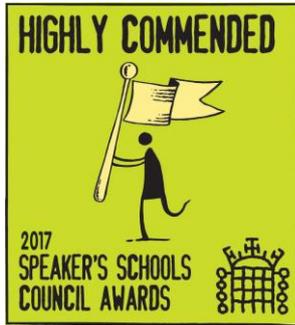




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Dear Parents and Carers

Winners of the Speaker of the House of Commons School Council Award: Highly Commended

For the last year, the School Councillors have been working with the children in the school and our local neighbours to try and make the daily walk and drive into and from school safer. A survey of children had revealed that they did not feel safe because of inconsiderate parking and the danger posed by illegal, inconsiderate and dangerous driving; many were also concerned for the safety of John our Crossing Patrol having seen cars 'drive though' this manned crossing. The children decided to take this on as something they could make a big difference to – which is just as well as I had not been able to persuade drivers to be more considerate in my 7 years of trying!

So this week we launch the campaign! The children have designed the banners that will be on display outside the school and a competition across the school resulted in the art work on these banners and on the posters now adorning Carpenters and the local area. The children's main message to you all is:

Drive as if the Police are Watching!
Keep us Safe.

There is a press release today and we have already been recognised by The Speaker of The House of Commons who has given us a Highly Commended School Council Award. So parents, do not let the children's campaign be in vain; park legally, carefully, be considerate to pedestrians and our neighbours alike, do not throw rubbish out of your cars, do not belt out loud music so the residents become upset (including us) and just be a little kinder. We know most parents are already aware of these very things so we appeal to the better nature of those who are not yet so thoughtful.

To be honest, the children may extend the campaign if it is not successful and they really are an ingenious bunch so beware – they will come after you!

Yours sincerely

The School Council

Helen Williamson
Headteacher

