

## 20.02.2023 Whole School Assembly: A Visit from our Police Community Support Officers



Our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Sarah and Paul paid us a visit to talk all about their role in the community today. They shared a video showing their work and all the amazing equipment and transport they use - the children were particularly interested in the drone! Sarah and Paul then talked to us about Bobby the Bear who lives in Highfield on top of our trophy cabinet in the reception area. He is always there to listen to our problems if we need him.

Getting to know our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) can be important for several reasons:

- **Community Building:** PCSOs play a vital role in building strong relationships between the police force and the community they serve. By getting to know our PCSO, we contribute to a sense of belonging and trust within our neighborhood.
- **Improved Communication:** Knowing our PCSO provides a direct point of contact within the police force. This can be especially useful if we have concerns or information to share regarding local safety issues, crimes, or suspicious activities.
- **Reporting Incidents:** When we have a familiar face to turn to, we may feel more comfortable reporting incidents or concerns to our PCSO. This can lead to faster and more effective responses to issues in our community.
- **Community Engagement:** Our PCSOs try to be actively involved in community events, meetings, and initiatives. By getting to know our PCSOs, we can become more engaged in our community and participate in efforts to improve safety and quality of life.
- **Trust and Transparency:** Building a relationship with our PCSOs can promote transparency in policing and foster trust between law enforcement and the community. This trust is essential for effective community policing.