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Mini Newsletter

Our full, house-style newsletter will resume from next Friday 13th September.

Thank You

Many of you told us how much you feel the transition week/opportunities at the end of term supported a smoother transition in this week. Thank You. It means a lot to us and was certainly visible from our perspective.

First Day Back

Lovely to welcome children back into school – old and new. We kick-started our first day with a Year 1 – 6 assembly with a reminder of our school rules, core values and expectations for pupil behaviour. We focussed on all the rewards, awards and incentives we offer that supports a culture of positive behavioural choices (around 20), before reminding children of our systems for sanctioning (including new systems – reference to new behaviour policy previously sent).

Our pupils are aware that you will now be notified by email/SMS if they are involved in a behaviour incident that meets this threshold. Similarly, our pupils were excited to learn that – although the bar has been raised for receiving a single House Point e.g for excellent demonstration of one of our Core Values – that parents will be notified via their new Arbor account. We hope this provides real meaning and an opportunity for you to reinforce the praise at home.

This really excited our pupils. They have previously told us: *'we like it when you say nice things about us, and to our parents'*.

Meanwhile, children in Year R were busy settling into their new classroom and routine. Well done Year R. A fabulous start.

Premises Update

EYFS Classroom: have you seen it? Wow. We're really happy, too. Thank you for all the positive comments. Our children deserve it.

ICT Suite: sadly not here yet! All the electrical work and preparation is complete. Our new pupil desktops are even on site. Sadly, there was an issue with the manufacturers of our new furniture which has slightly delayed the project. Hold on tight, children – we're sure it will be worth waiting for!

Pirate Ship & Coop: amazing what a lick of paint can do. And a flag, *me hearties!*

Kitchen Shutter: new electric shutter and painting of the area in the Hall.

Year R & 5/6 Buddies

Children in Year 5/6 visited children in Reception to forge some early friendships. We will reflect on appropriate pairings as part of yearly 'Buddy Offer'. Lovely to see both cohorts enthused by this prospect.

Arbor

When you get the letter tonight, please read and register ASAP. As stated in previous correspondence, this will replace Parent Mail and there will be many functions you can use to support your child's education. Being notified of House Points will be just one! Please be patient with us as it's a big change for us internally, too – we are learning!

PE Days reminder

All classes will have outdoor PE on a Tuesday with a cricket coach – *Chance to Shine Cricket*.

Indoor PE will be on the following days:

Monday	Rauf
Wednesday	Larwood and Antony
Thursday	Wenzel

Attendance

Lovely to see everyone arriving to school and on time for a 08:45 start.

Remember to read the new attendance policy so you are aware of the statutory changes in place.

First Celebratory Assembly Back: Friday 13th September 2024: 9am in the Hall

All welcome. We will resume our weekly celebrations of certificates across the curriculum.

We will also be celebrating children who managed to receive 100% attendance last year as well as sharing some new attendance awards.

Friday 13th September 2024: Roald Dahl Day

You've got three options, children:

1. Wear school uniform – perfectly acceptable
2. Wear school uniform with something yellow!
3. Wear nothing but yellow!

Yellow was Roald Dahl's favourite colour. We'll be celebrating this timeless author's work in school.

Forest Fridays

Will be just for Year R children. We will let you know when this will start

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