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This week our attendance was...
95.4%

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Readathon:

On Monday 27th September, as a school we will be taking part in Readathon. It has been a couple of years since we took part in this reading challenge due to covid so it is exciting that we are able to take part again. Any money raised helps disadvantaged children in schools and hospitals have access to brand new books, PLUS we'll get some brand new books for our school too. Your child will come home tonight with a sponsorship form where they can ask family and friends to sponsor them per book, per page or per 10 minutes of reading.

The challenge will run from **27th September until 15th October** with all of the sponsor money being collected on the first week back after October half term. There will be a £10 book voucher given to our star reader!

Harvest:

Our Harvest assembly this year will take place at 8.55am on Thursday 30th September. Please note that this has changed from the original date of Friday 1st October. All parents are welcome to attend this assembly but please note this is only for children Years 1-6.

This year we are continuing to support STREETLIFE with our harvest donations and we would kindly request that each child brings in a donation for our harvest display. Donations can be brought in and handed to the class teacher from Monday with the last day being Thursday which is when we will deliver our harvest collection. Please see the attached list from Streetlife for suggestions of the items which they are desperately in need of.

Introducing...

Last week it was our House Captains and Pupil Council representatives. This week, we are pleased to announce our new school prefects, librarians and playworkers. Well done to...

Prefects – Sophia (5/6P), Alfie (5/6P), Summer (5/6B), Melissa (5/6B), Cjay (5/6B), Sarah (5/6M), Alex (5/6M) and Ruby-Leigh (5/6M).

Librarians – Ashley (5/6P), Sophie (5/6P), Ruby (5/6B), Sophia (5/6M) and Boyd (5/6M).

Playworkers – Ava (5/6P), Braxten (5/6B), Amelia M (5/6B), Harrison (5/6B), Nathan (5/6M) and Ranee (5/6M).

Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded these key roles in school. We are so proud of every single one of you!

New Catering Company:

We are delighted to confirm that from November 1st we will have a new catering company working with us in school. This will mean some changes to the menu and we are excited at the opportunity to move forward together. Further details will follow soon but there will be an opportunity for parents to have a look for themselves at the new set up when we hold our 'Parents in Class Day' in November.

And finally, this week's superstars are...

Nursery – Marley for being an amazing architect, thinking about what different materials he can build his houses from and being so engaged in his tasks. Also, a shout out to **all the children in nursery** who took part in the forest school activity with the older children on Tuesday. You were all so kind and sensible and we were so proud of you – Well done!

RT – Skylah for settling in so well to her new class and **Millie** for always being so kind to others. You've both been stars – Well done!

1/2K - Cody for being an amazing reader and moving up two book bands this week and **Dante** for not giving up on his class work, he is always determined to do his best and complete it. Well done both of you!

1/2M – Darcy for always being a fantastic role model in school and Isaac for fantastic reading both in school and at home. You are both superstars!

1/2R – Eliza for her wonderful independent writing and **Jaxson** for giving 100% effort in everything he does, even when it's tricky!

3/4HP – Lucas W for writing a brilliant diary entry and **Nikita** for settling in so well to her new school – Well done both of you!

3/4JP – Danielle for being such a superstar in PE and **Santi** for having such a positive attitude to all his learning. Well done both of you!

5/6P – Brodie for being super brave this week and continuing even when things got tough and **Reece** for brightening up our day and quizzing us on Geography. Well done both of you!

5/6M – Ruby-Leigh for amazing effort with her reading and being the Starbooks best reader 3 weeks on the run already and **Amelia H** for always using her initiative in class and taking opportunities to extend her own learning.

5/6B – Braxton for doing so well and having the confidence to lead story time for the nursery children and **Cjay** for using such amazing vocabulary in his writing this week.

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Thursday 30th September – Harvest Festival – All welcome 8.55am

Monday 4th October – Open Day 10am for new families/Reception starters 2022

Tuesday 5th October - Open Day 1.30pm for new families/Reception starters 2022

Thursday 7th October - Open Day 4pm for new families/Reception starters 2022
- A taste of America Day

Friday 8th October – Individual/family and sibling photographs

Wednesday 13th October – Parents Evening

Thursday 14th October – Parent’s Coffee Morning

Friday 15th October – School closes for half term – 3.15pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 27 th September	Drawing Club - Years 5 & 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sports Club – Years 1 & 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Science Club – Years 5 & 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Commando Joes – Year 3 & 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 28 th September	Art Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Dance Club – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Football – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 29 th September	Sports Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 30 th September	Harvest Assembly – Parents welcome	8.55am
	Athletics Club – Years 4 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Paint and Craft Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	School’s Alive – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Homework Club – For any child who struggles to access at home (See homework policy)	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 24 th September	Coding Club – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm