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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term. As we start back at school we find ourselves in another national lockdown, although significantly different from the first in the fact that schools, and some other services, will remain open. Earlier this week I sent home an update letter around the latest Government guidance. If you have not received this please check parent app or our website for further details.

Maths Week/Children in Need/Remembrance Day:

Next week will be a busy week with National Maths Week, Children in Need and Remembrance Day all being celebrated in school. There will be many maths activities through all subjects and a few competitions along the way too! On Friday we will also be holding our non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. Our Remembrance service will be held differently this year in our bubbles on Wednesday. Don't forget to look out on our Facebook page of some pictures of the week.

Competition winners:

Over half term we ran a couple of competitions. Congratulations go to Chloe for being our Sundog champion and Isaac for being our Lexia superstar. Well done to both of you – we are so proud of you!

Newsletters:

Please note that from next week future newsletters will not be handed out to children. Instead they will be sent via **parent app** and on our **website**. If you are still struggling to upload parent app please contact the office who will be happy to help. I know there are some parents who are unable to access the website or parent app due to internet issues. If this applies to you please let the office know and we will ensure a paper copy is sent home.

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

Nursery – Ava for being happily coming into nursery and being confident enough to set herself challenges – Well done Ava!

RT – Poppy for trying really hard in phonics and being a little superstar and **James** for being really good all week and just being perfect!

R/1EP- Charlie for being an amazing, kind friend and being so helpful in the classroom and **Lilly** for working so hard in her phonics group.

1M – Nylah and JJ have both won the award this week for having an amazing attitude to learning and being so focussed in every lesson

2R – Teddi for always giving 100% effort in every lesson and **Alfie** for some amazing work in maths and 'being the teacher' with his friends.

3/4P – Ollie for having an amazing attitude to learning and **Kayden** for doing some great maths work this week.

3/4SP – Juno for being a superstar and working so hard this week and **Mollie** for continually being ready and eager to learn.

3/4KR – Blue for trying so hard to improve the presentation of her work and **Brianna** for being super kind and helpful to her friends and teachers.

5/6C – Liam for consistently revealing his true potential this week and **Erin** for always being a superstar and the perfect role model to others.

5/6M – **Alfie** for trying so hard in maths and having such a positive attitude and **Mason** for some fantastic questioning in Literacy.

5/6B – **Raheem** for always being a massive help in the classroom and so supportive to everyone in the class, **Molly-Alice** for being an amazing swimmer and **Brodie** for having a great understanding of the Earth and contributing so well to our science discussions.

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Monday 9th November – Start of Maths week

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Service

Friday 13th November – Children in Need – Non-uniform day (50p donation)

Wednesday 25th November – No pens Wednesday in school with a focus on activities involving speech and language.

Monday 30th November – Whole school flu spray

Tuesday 8th December (am) – Early Years production (COVID permitting)

Wednesday 9th December (pm) - Early Years production (COVID permitting)

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Fair (COVID permitting)

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December (pm) – KS1 production (COVID permitting)

Wednesday 16th December (am) – KS1 production (COVID permitting)

Whole school Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December – Carol Service (COVID permitting)

Friday 18th December – School Closes – times for each bubble to be announced in due course.

Dates for Christmas parties etc will also be announced closer to the time.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

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