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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our attendance was...

96.1%

Well done everyone for passing 96%
- Let's get even higher next week!



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and our thoughts and love are being sent to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at this very sad time. We discussed the need to celebrate the life of our longest serving Queen in our celebration assembly this morning and spoke about King Charles III. The children were also reminded that they could talk to any member of staff in school if they had any questions. I know that many classes have also completed work around the Queen today and held discussions reacting to the children's thoughts and feelings.

Roald Dahl Day:

Just a reminder that next Tuesday is Roald Dahl day in school and children are more than welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite character. There will be many fun activities throughout the day so don't forget to check our Facebook page for photos.

Attendance:

I have attached to this newsletter some information around attendance in school. Please take the time to read this. We are currently waiting on the arrival of this information in the form of a leaflet but we feel it is important for us to pass this information on in the meantime. The information for parents sheet covers our expectations, what we expect from parents, what you should expect from school, who to contact in school if you need support with attendance, how to find out your child's attendance and important procedures in school. Please remember, from this academic year I am unable to authorise holidays in school time, even if your child's attendance is above 96%.

Miss Southern:

Miss Southern will be leaving us this week but will return as the new Mrs Hall on Monday. We wish Miss Southern and her partner the best wedding day ever. We hope the sun shines and you have the most amazing life together. Enjoy every moment!

High School Opening Evenings:

We have approached that time of year again where our local high schools are beginning to release dates for their open evenings. As soon as we are sent any information, I will pass this on to you. The first one we have received is for Highfield Academy which is on Tuesday 27th September. I have attached the flyer to this newsletter. This is a great opportunity for you to take your children to have a look around a variety of schools. All schools are different and different children suit different environments so this is a great opportunity to get a feel for a school.

Harvest Assembly:

On the dates for your diary section of the newsletter you may have noticed that our Harvest Assembly, which families are invited to, was down for Friday 7th October. This has now had to be changed and will take place at 9am on Thursday 6th October. This is due to the tempest photographer being in school on Friday 7th to take individual and family photographs. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 3/4 PE Sessions:

Please note, that due to an external provider coming into school, both 3/4P and 3/4FB will have an additional PE slot this half term so children in these classes will now need to be in their PE kit on a Monday and Tuesday.

Waterpark:

Next week, children from Years 5/6 will be away on their residential trip to Waterpark in the lake district. We all hope you have a fantastic time, have fun and enjoy every moment – I know you will do our school proud!

Bikeability:

For those year 5 and 6's not at waterpark the bikeability scheme will be in school delivering sessions so you can ride your bike safely by and on the roads. If you see them out and about practicing around the estate, give them a wave (but don't expect them to wave back; they need to keep both hands on the handle bars!!!)

Come along to our coffee morning...



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

Nursery – Jayden for always being an all-round superstar. Well done Jayden!

RT – Imogen for always being wonderful and helpful (P.S. Happy 5th birthday today Imogen...0 more sleeps!!!) and **Kingsley** for having the biggest smile and always spreading happiness – Well done both of you!

RP – Ehis for being an all-round superstar and **Chimamanda** for settling in so well. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Sophie for returning this week after being poorly and trying hard in everything she does. Sophie is always so polite and helpful both inside and outside of the classroom and **Kian** for being an all-round superstar this week and showing he is ready to learn. Kian has also been offering help to others in the class and has been showing patience with his peers. Well done both of you!

1/2R – Ava for having such a positive attitude and being a wonderful friend and **Alfie** for always being a role model, always giving 100% and also being a wonderful friend. Well done - you are both superstars!

1/2M – Cody for always giving 100% effort in all she does and **Finley** for always doing the right thing– Well done both of you!

3/4FB – Blake for a fantastic effort in every single piece of work and **Kian** for taking care and pride in his work and trying so hard with his presentation – Well done both of you!

3/4P – Jorgie for always giving maximum effort in everything she does and **Theo** for some amazing effort and work in maths. Well done both of you!

5/6HP – Harrison for producing some fantastic pieces of work and **Kyla** for always trying her best in everything that she does. Well done both of you!

5/6JP – Jayden for just being a superstar and putting 100% into everything he does and **Amelia** for always engaging and contributing in every lesson we do. Well done both of you!

5/6W – Alex for being an all-round superstar and **Juno** for participating so well and in her topic lessons and doing some follow up research at home. We are so proud of you both!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Monday 12th – Friday 16th September – Waterpark (UKS2)

Monday 12th – Tuesday 13th September – Bikeability (Year 5)

Wednesday 14th – Thursday 15th September – Bikeability (Year 6)

Tuesday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day

Tuesday 20th September – Author Visit – KS2 Workshops

Thursday 22nd September – Science Day

Friday 23rd September – Jeans for Genes Day – Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 28th September – Climate change roadshow – Year 6

Monday 3rd October – Open Day 1.30pm for Reception starters 2023

Tuesday 4th October – Open Day 10am for Reception starters 2023

Wednesday 5th October – Open Day 4pm for Reception starters 2023

Thursday 6th October – Harvest Assembly 9am – Parents welcome

Thursday 6th October – Parent's Evening

Friday 7th October – Tempest school photographer in – Individual and family photos

Friday 14th October – School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton

Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Year 5/6 Waterpark – All week

Date	Event	Time
Monday 12 th September P.E. – 3/4FB 3/4P 1/2G 1/2R 1/2M	Cake and debate – Years 3/4/5/6 Choir – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6 Year 5 – Bikeability	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm All day
Tuesday 13 th September P.E. - 5/6HP 5/6JP 5/6W 3/4FB 3/4P	Dance Club – Years 3/4/5/6 Football – Years 3/4/5/6 Reading Club – Year 3 Roald Dahl Day – Whole School Year 5 – Bikeability	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm All day All day
Wednesday 14 th September	Commando Joes – Years 1 and 2 Year 6 – Bikeability	3.15pm – 4.15pm All day
Thursday 15 th September P.E. – Early Years 1/2M 1/2G 1/2R	Music Club – Years 5/6 Year 6 – Bikeability	3.15pm – 4.15pm All day
Friday 16 th September P.E. – 5/6HP 5/6JP		