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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a chance to see and enjoy the new end of term Newsletter featuring all the highlights from the term. If you missed it, you can still see it on the school website under 'Newsletters'. The next one will be out just before Christmas and full of festive fun!

Ahead of parent meetings next week, I wanted to let you know about a few changes we have made in how we are assessing the children and the terminology we are using. As in previous years, we are still assessing the children three times a year, but with the new system, we can now analyse the children's answers in much more detail which helps us to understand gaps in the learning and what the children's next steps will be. This will help us provide children with specific and manageable bites of learning where they can be confident and feel the right level of challenge for their stage in learning. Mr Scarborough, as the new Raising Standards Lead, has done a fantastic job of rolling out the new system for the school.
Previously at parent meetings, teachers will have used various terminology to discuss attainment and progress of your child, including 'emerging', 'expected' and 'exceeding'. This is now standardised to 'Below', 'Working towards', 'ARE' (Age-related Expectation), and 'Greater Depth'.
Within ARE, children could be ARE - (at the lower end of ARE but still on track) or ARE+ (at the higher end of ARE and working towards greater depth). Within greater depth, children could be GD – (at the lower end of GD) or GD+ (at the very highest level of attainment).

We hope you find the parent meetings informative, and you enjoy hearing about your child in all aspects of school life.

On Wednesday we held our two minutes silence for Armistice Day. A huge thank you to Lucy Stroud for playing The Last Post which made the moment even more poignant. The children impeccably observed the two minute silence and I was extremely proud of them all.

Yesterday was the Oxfordshire Book Awards and eight children attended Magdalen College School with Mr Wall and Miss Tanner to celebrate this. Mr Wall was especially excited to see the author, Struan Murray, who wrote Dragon Born, which is one of his favourite books

Today we raised £201.63 for Children in Need. Thank you for all your support with this.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher