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Autumn Term Newsletter No.3

Another week gone! This week our Reception children stayed for lunch and had their first full day today. The Reception Staff are super proud of how well they have coped with all the new experiences this week. Lunchtime has been a big success—it's lovely to see the children tucking in to their school dinners!

Monday's assembly about Beat the Street definitely enthused the children to get active and they are determined to win. You should have received a fob for each child (pre registered to our school), a card and a map so you know where the Beat Boxes are placed around the Bay—there are a couple around our school, Priory school and Homelands so you could tot up points quite easily on the school run! The children can add points by passing different Beat Boxes as they walk, cycle or run between them. Being driven in a car between boxes does not work! Currently, 196 fobs and card have been registered online, which is terrific, as our school is top of the leader board with the number of points collected so far. We are not top with regard to the average points collected per pupil though so please do dodge the rain-storms this weekend and go out walking! There are extra cards available at the town library or from the Acorn Centre if other family members would like one. Even if we don't win, it would be great to get the children more active outside of the school day too, which is the whole point of the campaign.

The weather has been a bit changeable this week and, no doubt, will continue to be as we move further into Autumn. Please send your child to school with a coat every day as we do like them to be outside for their breaks, but we also go outdoors for some lessons throughout the day and we would like everyone to be included.

Our Lost Property box already has many items in after just two and a half weeks back at school. Please check that your child's uniform, coats and lunchboxes have their name inside as we will always return their belongings to them when we find them around the school.

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Myo has an amazing attitude to all of his learning and he is super helpful all the time!
Pine — Jake was very creative in maths this week and used Lego to represent different digits.
Apple — Larisa has an excellent attitude towards school and always demonstrates our school values.
Oak — Adam has been very aspirational in his maths work and demonstrating good understanding of number.
Birch — Harry F has a fantastic growth mindset and always tries his hardest in every lesson.
Rowan — Thomas overcomes barriers and pushes himself, even in the Golden Mile despite his broken arm!
Cherry — Ben has shown outstanding effort in maths, growing in confidence when learning new concepts.
Maple — Jacob is a fabulous role model to the rest of the class, always keen to learn and share his knowledge.
Holly — Ryan H has made consistently brilliant effort since returning in September, always upholding core values
Willow — James B has been a great role model this week, displaying honesty and integrity.
Hawthorn — Summer has shown resilience and enthusiasm in all of her lessons.
Hazel — Zachary is enthusiastic and aspirational in his learning. Well done!

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION

Diary Date Reminders:

Please note the change of days for the Y5 and 6 trip:
Monday 24th September—Y5 visit to Bygones (back in time for lunch)
Tuesday 25th September—Y6 Visit to Bygones (back in time for lunch)
Thursday 27th September until Tuesday 2nd October- Scholastic Book fair in school.
Friday 28th September -final nominations for the PTA committee positions



Attendance Award
Congratulations to Pine and Apple Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 100% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97.4% attendance which is above our target.
Well done everyone!
Keep it Up.

Our PTA

Our PTA do a great job of fundraising over the year and we are at the point in the year where the previous PTA committee will stand down from their roles and a new committee will be elected. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm where the new committee will be formed. There are three key roles that are needed to form a committee:

The Chair— sets agendas for the meetings and leads the meetings

The Treasurer— handles the money raised and accounts for it by reporting to the committee

The Secretary— takes minutes of the meetings to ensure there is a record of what has been agreed

If you are interested in being the Chair, the Treasurer, or the Secretary please do put your name forward by contacting the school office and letting Mrs Stell know. If there is more than one nomination for each position then there will be a vote taken at the AGM (candidates need to be prepared to talk about their interest in the position).

If you are able to attend the AGM then please come along as it would be great to get more parents involved in this other aspect of school life.

Books

Our school library is back in action and the children are enjoying the new selection of books. We will be stocking up with more books as the year goes on but one way you can help us is by coming to the Scholastic Book Fair which is in school from next Thursday for four days. We get a percentage of the total book sales back from Scholastic which we can spend on books for the school library. A win-win situation!



Consent Forms

Y1, Y2 and Y3 parents will soon receive new consent forms regarding how we use images of your child and how we use your email address for marketing (e.g. from the PTA, other local events, etc). Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents will receive their forms at the parents meetings just after half term. Reception parents have already received their forms. We apologise for the number of forms you will have to complete and return to us but GDPR legislation requires schools to be clear about how we use your information. Please return the forms promptly as we would like to get all the information on our system as soon as we can. Thank you.

Headlice

We have been informed of a few cases of headlice in school—please help stop the transfer of lice by checking your child's hair regularly and ensuring that your child comes to school with long hair tied up.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.