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Dear Parents,

The first week back has gone well all things considered. Each day, we've made a few adjustments to our procedures following feedback from staff and yourselves so by today everything feels a lot smoother.

The children are clearly happy to be back and there is a lovely atmosphere around school and in the classrooms. Teachers have been focussing on developing their class team, building relationships, focussing on mental health and well-being, and most importantly teaching and embedding routines for coronavirus safety, especially around washing hands.

Attendance has been really good thank you. On the first day we had 99% in school which was the joint highest in the Bay.

There have been some really lovely activities taking place in classes, from Stone Age art work to green screen films. The subject blogs on our website will be up and running again soon so you can catch up with all this exciting work.

We've had two new-style assemblies this week with each class joining in remotely via *Google Meet*. Today we had our star of the week assembly and heard all about the achievements in each class. A common theme from teachers was the enthusiasm and positive approach children have had to their first week back.

The staggered break times across the day are working well as there are fewer children out at any one time and therefore more space to play.

Thank you for your patience on the gate. Drop off and collection has improved over the week and now appears to be running smoothly. If you have any suggestions on how to improve it further please do let Mrs Pike or myself know when you see us on the gate.

The outdoor classroom for Year 1 is coming on well. This is due to be finished by the end of next week.

Curriculum Information

Teachers have started to send out information about your child's curriculum and class routines. These will all be out to you and published on our website by the end of next week at the latest. Do look out for the 'Collectables'. These are our new style curriculum subject outcomes for each term.

KINDNESS RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY ASPIRATION

They cover what we want your children to know by the end of the term. Teachers are designing them in a child-friendly and creative manner to make them into unique and interesting collectable items over the year ahead. You can use them at home so you can know where your child is heading and to help you support them at home. We hope you and the children will find them really useful. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Any earrings must be removed at home before coming to school for PE. If they can't be removed please tape them over at home otherwise they won't be able to take part.

Clubs

Please remember that After School Club now finishes at 5.30pm so your child will need to be collected by then at the latest.

Please be aware that sporting clubs after school may have to be cancelled if it rains heavily. We will endeavour to run them if possible but we have limited space in school to facilitate them in the event of rain.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant to work for 1 hour a day Monday to Friday. If you are interested, please contact the school office to find out more.

PTA and Uniform

If you are looking for some new uniform, the PTA will be selling washed and clean old lost property tomorrow (Saturday) at the school site.

Hands - Face - Space

The government is launching a new campaign called *Hands - Face - Space* to help us in the winter months. It will be appearing widely in the media soon but you can [follow this link](#) to read more now and watch a video about it. There is useful information supported by scientific evidence. In a nutshell it is all about good hand washing, covering our faces and keeping our distance where we can.

See you all next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Very best wishes,



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

Stars of the Week

Beech	Darcy has had an amazing first week. She has had a go at everything and created some beautiful masterpieces. A real responsible Robin! Thank you Darcy.
Pine	Noah is our star today for listening so well and for coming into school with a big smile on his face this morning.
Oak	Evie W for always being ready to learn and being brave when hurting herself at playtime. Well done Evie, great responsibility this week!
Apple	Esmee is our star because she is so enthusiastic and positive in her approach to the whole day and every day that it spills over and gets other children enthusiastic too!
Birch	Myo - For having a fantastic first week back at school and for being a positive role model to the rest of the class. Well done!
Rowan	Louis - for amazing positivity and politeness. You are such a good role model!
Cherry	Noah for great concentration, thought and effort in all tasks this week. You have been enthusiastic and cheerful. What a fabulous way to start Year 4!
Maple	Emily - for challenging yourself brilliantly! You have tried new things out of your comfort zone and really taken some risks! What an excellent start to Year 6 Emily!
Willow	Grace - for settling into Year 5 really well and having a huge smile!
Holly	Kally - for making such a positive start to the term and being a great role model.
Hazel	Jaya - for incredible perseverance in her building challenge! Well done Jaya! Keep it up!
Hawthorn	Codey- you have been an amazing role model this week! You've pushed yourself by sharing your excellent ideas with the class, and you've shown respect and kindness with everyone you've worked with. A great start to Year 6!