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25th September 2020 – End of Week 3 - Autumn Newsletter #5

Dear parents,

Just a brief letter today as we complete the third week of full-time school again.

Thank you again for your support with attendance. We continue to do well with overall attendance holding steady at 95% which is above average for schools in Torbay.

As you will have seen, the Y1 area is still not finished. We are hopeful it will be done by Wednesday next week allowing us to create more access to the site. Year 1 children can't wait to get out there.

Our new style of learning with continuous provision for Y1 and Y2 is in full swing. It is working really well for those younger children to be able to continue learning in the style they were used to in Reception. Y1 and Y2 classes have a really buzzy atmosphere to the engagement and excitement with their learning. Hopefully you've managed to have a look at the planning on the website for your child's year group. We've been reviewing the planning with teachers this week and the opportunities they are providing for your children right across the school are very exciting.

Have a look at the [Year 2 Twits](#) in the Writing Blog this week.

Data from Torbay continues to show that there are many fewer cases of the coronavirus in our area compared to the south west of England and the whole of the UK. While we clearly mustn't be complacent and continue to take all the measures we can, this does provide some reassurance for us.

Yesterday you should have received a letter from Public Health England (PHE) with guidance about the coronavirus symptoms and when to get tested or not. If you've not seen it, I've added it to the website under the coronavirus page in 'A Range of Helpful Resources for Parents'; [quick link here](#).

You will have likely heard about the NHS Track and Trace app that is now available. Just to keep you in the loop, we won't be using it in school because we have a record of all people on site and where they have been. For those of you with older children who have school permission to bring in their mobile phones, the app is not recommended for those under the age of 16 and as their phones are stored in the office would not be suitable anyway. If however you are downloading the app on your child's phone, please ensure they pause the contact tracing while their phone is stored in the office. We may consider using the QR check-in feature for events such as performances if we hold any.

Forest School request: does anybody have any branches, logs, wood offcuts that are suitable for burning and construction during Forest School? If you can help, please do let us know. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend everybody,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hughes', is written in a cursive style.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

Attendance Stars –for 25th September 2020



Whole school: 95% (school target is 96%)

Class star: Pine Class with 100% - that's 2 weeks running for these healthy Pines. One more week and they get a non-uniform day!



Individual stars of the week...

Beech	Michael G is so respectful in class. He always puts his hand up and waits patiently to ask a question. He has also been a fantastic friend to Keaton during his first week and taught him how to play dominoes.
Pine	Ellie-Maii is such a fantastic role model when it comes to being responsible in Pine class. She has become our very own 'Sanitiser distributor'!
Oak	Ellie- for being a great role model and showing all of the school values. She has also impressed me with her aspiration in both the Jigsaw lessons and her writing. Well done Ellie!
Apple	Isaac tried so hard when creating his description of Mr Twit. Great adjectives, super spelling and sentence structure. Well done!
Birch	Pepe - For taking responsibility for your learning this week. You have been trying really hard to do superb focusing in class and have been very aspirational with your handwriting.
Rowan	Neave - for being such an enthusiastic learner and always looking to challenge herself across the whole curriculum
Cherry	Linus- for a wonderful description of the Grendel in our writing lessons this week. You made very careful vocabulary choices Linus. Well done
Hazel	Evie- for having an all round fantastic week, including excellent times tables and being aspirational with her vocabulary
Willow	Mylee- for super resilience with learning this week especially in maths when things are a little tricky. Mylee tries so so hard all the time and is always kind to others - an all round star!
Holly	Olivia - for really impressing us with her hard work in Maths this week. She has thought very carefully about applying what she has been taught to solve place value problems. Well done Olivia!
Maple	Zack- for being an incredibly supportive to others in the classroom and at play times. You show genuine compassion towards your peers and they really appreciate your calming and positive influence.
Hawthorn	Donney shows fantastic aspiration in all that he does! He is attentive in class, and always pushes himself to do his best. It's wonderful to see the pride he takes in his work. Well done, Donney!

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