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September Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a month! Firstly, it is difficult to put into words how amazing it is to be back in school! One of the best things about being back is having all the children in the hall for worship, just a simple thing, but just fantastic to be all together. It is great to also welcome parents/carers back to Star of the Week assembly! Please feel free to join us from 9am on a Friday.

We'd also like to thank all parents/carers for your continued support, in following our guidelines to keep our school safe. We are still in the midst of Covid and your communication and keeping us informed, is so helpful.

We would also like to say thank you for taking part in the recent survey about Parents' Evening. Many of you said you wanted a newsletter, further information about your child and more posts on Class Dojo and we will endeavour to improve this. The main feedback is that the majority of you would prefer a hybrid approach to Parents' Evening, therefore this time we will run this 2 days, with one online and one in person and you can choose the one most convenient to you!

Mrs Sennett (Executive Headteacher) and Mr Baird (Head of School)

Attendance

Class attendance so far this year is:

Class	Percent	Position
Reception Acorn	93.2%	
Year 1 Ash	90.3%	
Year 2 Maple	97.7%	1st
Year 3 Beech	93.8%	3rd
Year 4 Chestnut	95.4%	2nd
Year 5 Willow	93.1%	
Year 5/6 Sycamore	91.5%	
Year 6 Oak	93.6%	

Whole school attendance so far this year is:

93.1%

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th October - Governing Body meeting

Friday 8th October - Wear Yellow for Mental Health—more information to follow.

Week beginning Monday 18th October - Parents' Evenings will be held this week, more information to be sent in a separate letter. These will be held either through Zoom/Teams or in person!

Thursday 21st October - close for half-term for pupils

Friday 22nd October - INSET Day

Monday 1st November - school reopens

Tuesday 23rd November - school photos

Wednesday 24th November - flu vaccines

Harvest Time



Thank you so much for your donations this year for our Harvest Festival. As usual, you surpass our expectations particularly when it is difficult for many families and shelves have been pretty empty!

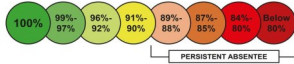
This food will greatly support the local Food Bank, and on behalf of them, thank you very much!



Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which **CIRCLE** are you in?

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time between 8.30am-8.45am.

No Dogs

There have been reports of some parents bringing dogs onto the school premises before and after school. Can we please remind you that dogs are not permitted to be on school site unless parents have gained prior permission for assistance or guide dogs. Please can all dogs be kept on a lead and outside the school gates at all times.

Thank you.



Class of the Month - Acorn (F2)

We are so proud of our F2 children and the way in which they have settled into school. They have settled well into school routines, have a great attitude and did so well staying in the whole Harvest Festival. I know Mrs Saxton, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Hanley and Miss Stapleton are proud of you!



Well done Acorn class!



COVID Updates

HM Government

NHS

CORONAVIRUS - the symptoms

If you have any of these symptoms, self-isolate and get tested

- High temperature
- New, persistent cough
- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste

Thank you to all our parents who are following the guidance and information since the changes in September.

A polite reminder that we do not accept lateral flow devices and if your child has any of the main symptoms to please book a PCR especially a drive-in test as these results often come in less than 24 hours.

The national programme will often have slots appearing if parents/ staff keep trying:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Mrs Sennett - Executive Headteacher, Mr Baird - Head of School
Mrs Saxton - Assistant Head, SENCo and EYFS, Mrs Day - Pastoral Care Leader