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Dear Parent/Carer,

The weather this week has enabled us to really make to most of our outside space, from conker collecting and Year 2 craft displays to outside PE lessons and sunny lunchtimes, the children have all benefited from the warm and dry weather. We're pleased that this looks to continue for the near future, but as the weather turns, we will need all children to come prepared with appropriate clothing for outdoor learning and play in less favourable conditions.

Celebrations:

This week Reception children have been getting used to lunchtimes and longer days in school, Year 1 spent their 'Feelings' Wow day either looking to the future and what they would like to become, or thinking of the present and what makes them feel special. Year 2 have experienced a great Medieval Wow day, with creative costumes, writing and model making.

Stars of the Week:

Class 4: Isabella

Class 5: Beth

Class 6: Toby

Class 7: Frankie

Class 8: Martin

Class 9: Jack H

Class of the Week: Class 5

For showing adaptability like the chameleon when having a different teacher this week and for being spotted behaving really well in class and around school; particularly 5 Star Lining up!

Well done to all of you for shining out this week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

Topics coming to life:



Messages:

Home Reading:

A decision has been made for Year 2 children to begin a system of taking home paper books in addition to the Pearson's Bug Club e-books as

we recognise that there are fewer e-books in each band at the Year 2 level. We can facilitate this for this year group as they are not using our new progression of phonetically decodable books therefore we have more resources in school enabling us to lend and quarantine books between each child's use. This will come into effect from next week. Your child will have an allocated day for changing their books which will be communicated by your child's Class teacher.

Julia Fitzpatrick
Reading and Phonics Lead

Well-being resources: Mind Matters

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them. There are also a wealth of local support services, resources and advice through Families in Focus. Their September Bulletin can be accessed [here](#).

Birthday treats: We have had lots of enquiries about whether children can hand out sweets or treats on their birthday. Having reviewed this as a staff, we ask that parents do not send in sweets. As well as wanting to promote healthy eating in school, we feel that the added risk of children eating sweets at the end of the day at a time when we have not washed their hands is something we should avoid. We will make every effort to make your child's birthday in school special.

Social distancing: We have been asked by concerned parents to remind you to be particularly careful when exiting school via the gate onto the path to Phoenix Grove. Please be mindful of others using the gateway.

School calendar: the school calendar is on the website and will be sent out as an attachment to this newsletter. We ask that you note the inset days on 5th and 23rd October, 2nd November 2020, 4th January 2021 and 1st April 2021 when the school is closed to pupils for staff training. Thank you.

Car parking: Local residents have been in contact again this week to ask that parents refrain from parking across their driveways while they are dropping off their children. We thank you for your support in respecting our school neighbours.

School menu changes: On Wednesday 23rd September the cooked school meal option will be roast turkey (not roast pork).

In order to help our wonderful catering team and to avoid confusion, we ask that you support pupils to specify clearly their lunch time choices. **Options are as follows:**

Cooked school meal

Cooked vegetarian school meal

Wraps – cheese, ham or tuna (stating if you want one or two wraps)

Jacket potato

Hot pasta meal

Packed lunch from home

Thank you