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## **HEAD TEACHER MONTHLY – SEPTEMBER 2019**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Term has started really positively and it has been lovely to see so many new reception parents join our school. They have settled so well and are enjoying the learning experiences on offer to them. I would like to welcome the new parents to our school community and we look forward to getting to know you.

### **Key Stage Two Outcomes**

We were delighted with our Key Stage Two Outcomes (SAT's) and I am proud to share these with you. These are the best results the school has achieved for a long time and we are now in line or above the National Average. We are clear on our strengths and where we need to develop. It will be a whole school focus to develop mathematical reasoning skills for all children with a clear focus on developing real life maths.

School Result	%	National Average
Reading	94%	73%
Reading Greater Depth	38%	27%
Writing	88%	78%
Writing Greater Depth	19%	20%
Maths	81%	79%
Maths Greater Depth	13%	27%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	88%	78%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Greater Depth	44%	34%
Combined (Reading, Writing and Maths)	75%	65%

### **ALDI Vouchers**

Thank you for your support so far, we are doing very well for such a small school. Please spread the word and help us to collect 300 vouchers. If you shop at Aldi and spend over £30 then you receive a voucher for school. If we reach the target, then we could be in with a chance of getting £20,000 for the school which would be amazing. We would use the money to develop play equipment on the field.

### **Reading Volunteers**

We have some wonderful reading volunteers in school and the children love reading to an adult. We currently have vacancies for two reading volunteers in Small Blue Class. If you could spare an afternoon a week to listen to children read, then please see Mrs Hazelton for additional information.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

At the end of the summer we asked families for their views on school. Unfortunately, there were only nineteen responses however these were very positive and the areas that we wanted to address last year had all improved.

The comments made by parents have already been taken on board as we have revised the home learning for the children. The main area that was highlighted from the questionnaire was how approachable the school was for parents to ask a question or share a problem. I will be addressing this issue with Parent Council when we meet next month. I will forward the results of the questionnaire to all parents. I would like to express my gratitude to the families who took time to respond.

### **Parent Council**

I believe that working in partnership with parents' aids school development. So this is why we have a Parent Council. In order for this to be effective I would like a parent representative from each year group to attend half termly meetings. The parent councillor then communicates with parents and feedbacks two areas that are going well and one area that could be improved. This is a positive group and individual points from parents will not be addressed in this forum. If you are interested in joining the parent council, this year then please let Mrs Donovan in the office know. The first meeting is at **2.00pm on Friday 18 October**.

### **Home Reading Books**

Last year the PTA worked very hard to fundraise for the school in order to buy new home readers for the children. Last week I ordered home reading books to the value of £1,300 which was donated by the PTA. The books ordered are for children across the school and cover fiction and non-fiction titles. We hope you enjoy reading the new titles with your children. Please ensure that you are signing the reading diary when you are reading with your child at home. Huge thank you to our PTA for all that you do for our school.

### **Good to be Green**

This is the positive behaviour system that we have at our school and this rewards good conduct. All classes have created their reward chart and hopefully you know what rewards are on offer for good behaviour. The school council will also arrange the termly rewards for the children who have been green all term. This year we are making a slight change. If a child receives three warnings in one week then they will lose one playtime. The reason for this is that repeated poor conduct is not acceptable in our school.

### **Attendance**

Our Attendance Policy is on the website and outlines the attendance protocol that we follow. Good attendance is ninety six percent or above. If your child's attendance falls below this, then we do monitor this carefully. I know that children are unwell and therefore are not in school. I would just ensure that children are only off when they are really not well enough to be in school. We will be rewarding 100% attendance each term again this year with the bronze, silver and gold badges. Also if your child is at school every day then there will be an end of year reward.

### **Communication**

We really improved communication last year with the introduction of the Friday Flyer and the term dates in advance. We would hope that all parents take the time each Friday to read the Friday Flyer and also take note of the upcoming dates for the children. We will not be sending text reminders unless essential. If you are not receiving Friday Flyer or communication from school, then please report this to Mrs Donovan in the office.

We are excited about the term ahead and all the exciting opportunities that are planned for the children.

Warm wishes

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