



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now reached the end of our first month back at school and as we start October we have seen a change in weather so please ensure your children attend school with a coat. On PE days we ask children to wear black or blue tracksuit bottoms or leggings with their school PE T-shirt.

Can I also ask all adults who attend school at drop off and collection times to remember that they have a duty to be a good role model for all pupils. We are aware that there have been some incidents where adults have become involved in arguments with other adults on school grounds. This is not what any children need to witness and we will have no choice but to ban any adult from the school premises if they are unable to be a positive role model for ALL children.

Our plants have been planted at the front of school and they look fantastic. We are also developing our well being garden on the main playground and hopefully we will see further developments in that area over the next few weeks and months as hedges and plants become more established and our planters are built and filled!

Please note there will be no after school club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This is due to all school staff receiving training to support pupils across school.

Attendance over the last two weeks has dropped across school and we do all need to work together to ensure the children keep high levels of attendance. After two years of such disruption and lost onsite school days being in school as much as possible is key and a responsibility of us all to give the children the best chance at school.

Please support us by contacting school if your child is absent due to illness before 8:30am on the first day of absence. Our pastoral team will follow up absences through further phone calls and home visits to fulfil our statutory duty to safeguard children and families.

Please see the table below for each classes attendance since our return. Can your child help their class improve attendance next week? Our target is that all classes have attendance over 96% and unfortunately only 2 classes have managed to keep above that this year.

Class	Percentage attendance
Owl	96.6%
Lion	96.0%
Pangolin	95.9%
Zebra	95.5%
Cheetah	95.2%
Shark	95.1%
Jaguar	94.8%
Hedgehog	94.3%
Wolf	93.8%
Panda	93.7%
Penguin	92.6%



## **Wider development:**

Well done to the children who have represented our school in football, tag rugby and cross country event in the last few weeks. You have been fantastic role models and representatives of our school. You have also been successful in your performances- Well done!

Congratulations to all our Y6 children who have been given additional responsibilities around school. They are supporting our younger children and their peers with the roles they are completing every day.

Bully Busters have been in school working with some of our children this week to support them in being excellent role model and anti bullying ambassadors. We have also arranged for Altru Drama company to visit us in November during National Anti-bullying week.

## **Academic News:**

I have seen some amazing work over the last two weeks during my time in classes and through weekly 'book looks' to see outcomes from children all around the school. I have been particularly impressed with the work the children are completing in art and geography! Our curriculum does look to ensure all children develop strong basic skills in maths and English but it is great that other subjects are still a high priority! We want to inspire the children across all subjects from music to PE to history and beyond! One of our Y6 children did say to me that they really liked history because they wanted to study it at university when they are older! That is the ambition for our curriculum- to inspire and motivate and develop real aspiration in our children!

We really do need your support at home to work with the children to ensure they read regularly- please record this on GOREAD so we can reward and praise your children for their efforts.

## **Special mentions for positively standing out in the last few weeks.....**

CLASS	PUPIL
Squirrel	Jules M and Elsie T
Rabbit	Tia M and Rory S
Owl	Isaac M and Evelyn Y
Hedgehog	Louis S and Leo M
Jaguar	Lenny F and Ruby P
Pangolin	Isaac W and Mollie M
Panda	Brooklyn FM and Tom L
Zebra	Tyler B and Charlie f
Lion	Alice G and Aidan Mc
Shark	Ade O and Layla D
Penguin	Demi Mae S and Tom B
Wolf	Alistair F and Joe M
Cheetah	Jacob T.E and Macie M

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ian Cooper