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Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 10th October 2020

We have been fortunate with the weather through this week in school in the most part, with children enjoying time outdoors learning and also in their PE lessons. As the weather does turn colder and wetter, please can children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 make sure that they have a pair of wellies that can stay in school, so that we can continue to make the best use of our wonderful outdoors areas at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Yesterday, in advance of World Mental Health Day (Saturday 10th October), children took part in assemblies designed to help them develop their understanding about mental health and review the strategies we have in place in school to support them at any time, if they need help.

Please see the links below for parents; the websites have many useful resources that I hope you find supportive at this time. As always, if we can help you in supporting your child/children in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

<https://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/wellbeing/wellbeing-for-children-young-people/>

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/carers/>

In school, our children have been working very hard in school over the past week, sharing learning with others and really striving to do their best; this is just fantastic to see. Our core focus, **'we work hard'** has been explained to all children, helping them develop good learning attitudes and showing good perseverance skills. This core focus will continue through next week in school; please can parents talk to children about what working hard means and encourage them to continue to maintain their best approach at all times.

Golden time was really enjoyed on Friday, as part of our reward system for following our golden rules through the week and many house points have been awarded as a result of staff 'catching' children working hard and demonstrating good learning behaviours. Well done to all.

House Points Totals (to Friday 9th October)			
Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
395	403	400	412

Next Week in School

We welcome Mr Pemble (our Physical Education Specialist teacher) into school full time, over the next three weeks. Mr Pemble will be working outdoors with all classes during his time with us in school, helping to develop increased active learning opportunities and hopefully providing many fun sessions for each child. Mr Pemble will also be helping us to audit our current provision in Physical Education, helping us to identify further areas for development over the year ahead.

'The Lord is my Shepherd.' Psalm 23

On Wednesday, we are hosting a 'virtual' school review day, led by the Local Authority. This will help us examine all areas of school provision, drawing out strengths and areas for focussed development, to help us improve outcomes for our children.

After school on Wednesday, we have a Local Authority Strategy Team Review meeting, again reviewing and discussing provision in school and focused priorities we have set for school improvement for the year.

Helping us to review the first few weeks of school for the children

Please can I ask that parents and carers take some time to complete the Google Form Questionnaire that we have set up for parents and carers. *Link for the questionnaire is below*

This online questionnaire be active until the end of the first term (Thursday 22nd October)

The core intention of the questionnaire is to:

- Gain feedback as to how you feel the children have returned to school since the start of term;
- To give you the opportunity to share any your thoughts and ideas about ways that we can extend further support to help you and your children through the rest of this term and beyond.

Results from this will help us review our provision in school for the children and to discuss further ways that we, as a staff team, can extend the support that we provide – both academically and socially/emotionally for the children in our care.

Thank you so much in advance for your support with this.

[Link to Questionnaire](#)

Golden Rules Stars in School - for the week commencing 28th September

Very well done to the following children for following our core Golden Rule target of 'we listen caefully':

Henry H, Angel G, Finn B, Amelie C, Koby L, Harry VdG and Freida M

Stars of the Week – awarded by teachers for the week commencing 28th September

Henrietta S for great kindness and compassion to others.

Max S for showing great awareness and understanding of our Golden Rules.

Nicholas W for really working hard when processing and following instructions in class.

Thea C for working very hard with her blending, when her 1:1 reading.

Seamus G for amazing Maths problem solving skills work.

Bridget R-H for always challenging herself to use more powerful verbs in her writing.

Toby K for using amazing, adventurous language in his poetry writing.

Jim-Bob K for a very well organised and methodical approach, when setting out his maths calculations.

Lucy M for striving to exceed expectations in her Maths work.

Ellen C for great use of ambitious vocabulary in her creative writing.

Ruby R and Diana W for showing fabulous understanding of Roman numerals in Maths.

Harry K for incredible focus in spelling and writing, showing good self-confidence; well done Harry!

Tyler R for superb focus and effort in every area of his work.

Kelsie C for showing great confidence and super articulation of her thoughts, prior to writing.

Ellen C for fabulous writing about fish linked to her curriculum work, that Ellen completed at home.

Amelie C for amazing writing and for showing great pride about the amount and content of her work.

Alfie P for writing me a wonderful letter, showing great care over presentation of his writing.

I wish you an enjoyable and restful weekend

Yours sincerely
Phil Goldsworthy