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Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting week in school with the focus being fully on the pleasure of reading, and celebrating the opportunity to do so. The Scholastic Book Fair was on hand every evening this week to sell books to families at a discount price, and all purchases meant an extra contribution to our funds to further enrich the library. Thank-you to all parents who came in to support this.

Road Safety

Earlier this week I wrote to all parents and carers on the important issue of road safety. It is important that we remind all the children to stay well away from the side of the road when they arrive each morning. If everyone stays near the fence, it creates more space for people passing by.

We have been taking suggestions from parents about ways to improve the flow of people at the end of the school day.

Foodbank Collection

Thank-you for all the kindness in donating to the food bank appeal this term. We will be collecting until the start of Advent, so there is still time to bring any items to the school hall.

Pasta King – Thursday 16th November

The children thoroughly enjoyed the taste tests yesterday. Everyone was given an extra taster pot of pasta if they wanted it, and there was some very positive feedback.

Pyjama Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our first dressing up day of the new year. All the money raised goes directly to support our children and when we have a grand total at the end of the term I will be sharing with everyone what we intend to use funds for. The School Council will have an input in this.

Assemblies and Liturgies

Many thanks to the children from 6P, who presented such an interesting assembly yesterday with great acting. We all learned a lot about the human body, and the information was delivered with such humour.

Here are the upcoming classes for Thursday liturgies and assemblies:

23rd November – Class 6G

30th November – Class 5C

7th December – Class 5B

All assemblies start at 10.25am this term and the start time is being reviewed.

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Sofia in 3A, Mojo in 3E, Olivia in 4D, Yusuf in 4T, Harrison in 5B, Ivy in 5C, Angel in 6G and Nathan in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Gabriel in 6P and the swimmer of the week award goes to Samuel in 3A. The Kindness Award this week goes to Hanok in 3E.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

Group A Strep (streptococci)

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Children with these symptoms should not attend school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>

FOOD BANK ITEMS

If you can donate any of the following items, please bring them *in bags* to the collection point at the School Office:

FOOD & DRINKS

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, squash, fruit juice (UHT), milk (UHT)

Sugar, Instant porridge oats, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, packet pulses, Baked Beans, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Soup, Instant soup, Pasta sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Dried Pasta, Rice, Microwave rice pouches, Instant pasta meals, Instant noodles, Puddings like jelly, whips, sponge pudding (Must be longer life),

tinned / instant custard, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit

Biscuits, Packs chocolate/small bags sweets, Savoury biscuits, Multipacks crisps

HOUSEHOLD

Laundry pods, Washing up liquid, Toilet rolls, Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Baby toiletries, Nappies size 5,6,7,8