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Week ending Friday October 25th 2019.

Thought for the week:

“To be tactful is to describe others as they see themselves”.

Dear Parents,

Wellbeing Assembly. Mrs Logue began our week in school with a “Wellbeing Assembly” for Y2-Y6. For over 12 months now, school has had a real focus on “wellbeing” and “mindfulness”. There are and have been a number of events, days and activities devoted to the idea of making sure we are well physically and mentally. If someone breaks a bone we can see the bandage, we can see the injury. When someone is anxious, sad or worried for whatever reason often we can't see the “injury”. Just because we can't see doesn't mean it isn't there, indeed, it is often these kinds of issues that can be far more debilitating than physical injuries. I am indebted to Mrs Logue for everything she had done to promote positive mental health and wellbeing and I thank her for the lovely assembly we had to start the week on Monday.

Y1 & Y4 Mass. Thanks to Y1 and Y4 for their Mass this morning. The Sacramental classes (Y6 & Y3) will lead our next Mass on November 8th. Can I also express at this juncture my thanks to those children that came along to sing in the choir at Jack Forrest's Funeral mass on Wednesday.

Multi Skills. Our half term of multi skills ended this week with EYFS enjoying a busy morning on Tuesday. Thanks to everyone for taking part across the half term so enthusiastically.

Extra-Curricular Club. Our clubs end this week, they will begin again the second week back after half term (**W/b Monday November 11th**). Please can I stress the need to let school know if there is any change to picking children up after clubs, the clocks go back after half term and the evenings will draw in even further. If children are not collected they can sometimes become quite upset, so please do let us know if circumstances change. Thanks for your support with this matter.

School Football team. Our latest set of fixtures on Tuesday saw one victory and one defeat. Mr Barton said the team played well and were unlucky not to win both games. Well done to all concerned.

ParentPay. A further plea to make sure you keep up to date with payments and not to let debts build up.

Half Term. School breaks up for half term on **Friday October 25th**. We return on **Tuesday November 5th**. Please note that **Monday November 4th** is a **Teacher Day**.



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Parents Evening. Thanks to the staff and all the families that came along, I hope you found the meetings useful. For those that couldn't make it we will be having an additional session after half term. We will let you know ASAP when this will be. Thanks to Miss Riley's parents for their understanding, her parents evening will take place during the week beginning Monday November 11th. Can I also thank Y4 families for the wonderful "Viking Projects" that were sent into school. We have a display along the top corridor with a number of Viking longboats and other Viking artefacts. Thanks to everyone for supporting this topic. Thanks also to Y3 parents for their wonderful garden creations.

Car Park. As the evenings darken please can I ask everyone that uses the car park adjacent to church to be extra vigilant. At Mornings and home time, the car park is very busy with not only cars, but also children walking across the space. The darker evenings can sometimes make it difficult to notice pedestrians *so please can I ask everyone to park and use the car park considerately.*

Diwali. Today the children have been learning about Diwali as part of our series of days where we look at other faiths/cultures. Thanks to all concerned.

Attendance for half term ending October 25th 2019

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	94%
Rec R	95%
Y1J	100%
Y1P	96%
Y2B	92%
Y2M	97%
Y3C	96%
Y3P	96%
Y4M	97%
Y4R	96%
Y5A	97%
Y5M	98%
Y6B	96%
Y6M	98%
Half termly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: George, Blossom-Anne, Summer, Denis, Meghan, Ava-Rae, Zuhayra, Lul, Nathan, Chimaka, Montunrayo and Oliwia.

Please pray for: Ms Riley who gets married tomorrow, I'm sure you'll join with me in wishing her and Matt all the best for their wedding day and in the future. After half term, her class will become Y4Y (Mrs Young's class). Please also keep The Forrest family in your prayers.

I hope everyone has a restful half term. **Many thanks to all the staff for their tremendous efforts and hard work since our return in September.**

Many thanks for your co-operation and support this first half term. M. Aldred Head teacher



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