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Value word for September: Responsibility
Behaviour for Learning focus: Pride

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Puffins – 93%

Toucans – 92%

Bluebirds – 93%

Robins – 98%

Kestrels – 95%

Eagles – 92%

As you can see from the numbers above, attendance remains low since we returned to school. Please do try and send your child in if they just have a cold or sore throat with no temperature. If we judge they are too poorly during the day, or they become more poorly, we will call you and send them home. The only exception to this is sickness and tummy bugs. I would just like to remind you that there is a 48 hour recovery period from the last time they were ill and they must not return until they are a full 48 hours clear.

If you are ever unsure, please do call the school office who will be able to advise further.

SEND Coffee Morning

On Thursday 10th October, we will be holding a coffee morning for all parents whose child is on the SEN register. You will have been notified on your child's school report in the summer term if your child was on the register last year, but we will send out a confirmation message to all parents this applies to next week. If you do not receive this invitation, but are concerned your child may have some special education needs you may attend without it – everyone is welcome!

Mrs Hudson (our current SENCO support) will facilitate the meeting with our outside agencies in attendance. This morning will be an opportunity for you to understand more about the processes in place to support children with specific needs and what school and agencies can do at each stage of these processes.

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HSBC Money Sense Award

Today we had a special assembly from Sandra at HSBC who delivered the Money Sense programme in each class last academic year. Sandra came to deliver a very special award which we received for participating in the programme. It is a very special trophy and we are very proud of it! We are displaying it in the cabinet in the front office. We would like to thank Sandra for supporting our children to understand money better and look forward to working with her again.

Safeguarding

As you are aware, schools have a duty to ensure children are safe and well. As part of this duty, we are encouraged to be 'professionally curious'. This means that, at times, you may receive a phone call from a DSL enquiring about something your child has shared or a mark your child has. This is never a judgement on our part or meant in a negative way – it is simply in the best interests of all children. We would appreciate it, if you could share any noticeable marks (bruise, scratch, bump etc) on them when you bring them to school. We understand children have accidents all the time but if a child has a mark we do always have to ring to check you are aware of it unless you have informed us first. As I said, this is not a judgement, just our duty of care.

Similarly, if your child doesn't arrive at school and we are unable to contact you via the phone, you may receive a 'Safe and Well Visit'. A DSL will visit your home to check that the children are safe. It is therefore vital that you do report your child's absence to the school office so that we only carry out these visits when they are absolutely necessary. You can find out more about this in our attendance policy. Thank you for your understanding.

Reminders

- The school office will be closed on a Monday morning between 8:30 and 8:50. Messages can still be sent via the school app during this time.
- Mrs Johnson, Miss Hackett and myself are available on the doors each morning if you need to discuss or share anything. Please do report anything that may impact your child during their school day as it ensure we can have the correct support in place.
- The school office will now send reminders via the school app if your child doesn't have a lunch booked. Please ensure you book as soon as possible if you receive this message.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>
Monday 30 th September	Reception Early Reading and Phonics workshop	Letter sent
Thursday 10 th October	SEND coffee morning	Details above
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening	Details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd October	Whole school flu immunisation	Details to follow
Thursday 7 th November	Open day	For children starting Reception in September 2025
Tuesday 12 th November	School photos	Details to follow
Monday 18 th November	Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 9 th December	Theatre Trip Palace Redditch Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Letter to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	Theatre Trip Mac Rec and Yr1	Letter to follow
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Fayre	Details to follow
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Production Christmas jumper day Class parties	Letter to follow

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