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Headteacher: Miss T Williams

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Star Assembly**

This week's star assembly was a very special event as always. It was wonderful to find out what these special children had achieved to be chosen:

Y6 – Naz and Abdullah B

Y5 – Shriya and Oliver

Y4 – Shenyar and Juwayriya

Y3 – Lorise and Elianna

Y2 – Chibuna and Matt

Y1 – Inaara and Sienna

Well done to all of these fantastic children for setting excellent examples of our learning behaviours. Thank you to parents for joining us.

### **Attendance**

We didn't have any 100% classes this week but we did have 5 classes reaching our school target of 96%. Year three won a roll on Classopoly and just missed out on a treasure chest!

Here are our attendance figures 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September:

Swans – 94%

Puffins – 96%

Toucans – 94%

Bluebirds – 98%

Robins – 97%

Kestrels – 96%

Eagles – 97%

### **Chicks**

Our chicks arrived on Tuesday and we have been keenly observing them ever since! We currently have two in the brooder box, three in the incubator and one more trying hard to hatch. Next week, the chicks will be visiting classrooms and your child will be offered the opportunity to hold or stroke them. If your child has any allergies we are unaware of, please do let us know. Likewise, if you would prefer your child didn't take part in this then also let us know.

As the chicks will be available in classes, the live feed will end later today as the last chick is moved to the brooding box. We do hope you enjoyed watching them hatch.

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### Covid

We are aware of cases of Covid in the community so thought this would be a good opportunity to remind you of what applies to us in schools at the moment:

- If you (or people in your household) have Covid, your child should **attend school as normal if they are well**. If the person with Covid needs to bring and collect the child, please wear a mask and keep a sensible distance from others.
- If you suspect your child has Covid, please test them if possible. If they have a temperature and you have no test then please keep them off as a precaution. A child with a temperature is too unwell for school whether it is Covid or some other illness. If you are unable to test them and they have no temperature, please send them into school as normal.
- If your child has Covid, please keep them at home for a minimum of three days (five for adults) and longer if needed until their temperature has returned to normal.

### Parents' Evening

Letters were sent out on Monday for you to request slots for parents' evening which will be held on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. Please do remember to book soon as slots are filling up quite quickly. Mrs Johnson (our Learning Mentor) will also be available between 3:40 and 5:00 so if you wish to make an appointment with her, please do so through the school office.

Please remember you do not need to wait for parents' evening to raise concerns. Mrs Johnson and myself are on the back playground door every morning and Mr Ball and Miss Hackett are on the front door. If there is anything at all concerning you, please do feel free to ask one of us for a quick chat. If it is something more substantial, we will arrange an appointment for you to come in. We are (I hope!) all very approachable and have purposefully organised for there to be two of us on each entrance so that we can have quick conversations with parents. Often a quick query or chat can solve small things before they become big things. You may not always get an answer from us as we may need to talk to teachers but please do come with anything that is worrying or concerning you. Myself and Mr Ball also aim to be on the playground at the end of the day so you can talk to us then too.

### Safeguarding

As you may have noticed, our number locks have now been set up. The gates will be unlocked but remain on the coded lock until 8:30 each morning. If your child attends Breakfast Club, you will need to enter the code in order to open the gate. The gates will then be locked at 9:00 as normal

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and all late children should be brought to the office. The gates will then be unlocked at 3:15 and locked at 3:45. If you are collecting from After School Club, you will need to enter the code.

Please ensure the gate is closed behind you and re-enter the code to leave. If you see a parent on the way, feel free to leave the gate open for them and that parent should then take responsibility for closing the gate. If you lose or forget the code, there is a sign going on the gate giving you details for contacting Wraparound Care who can give you the code.

### **Medical Needs**

Please inform the office of any medical needs your child has. If they require medication in school, please ensure you have given this to the office and signed consent forms. For children with allergies and other medical conditions, Ms Stoiber will be contacting parents next week to update their Individual Healthcare Plans and Alert Cards.

### **Asthma**

If your child is diagnosed with Asthma and/or is prescribed with an inhaler, please make sure you have given an inhaler to the office and signed the consent forms for school. **An Emergency**

**Reliever Inhaler is available in school.** This is only for use by children we already know have been diagnosed with Asthma or are prescribed with an inhaler, in the event that their inhaler is not working properly or is unavailable. A letter will go home today to the children we currently have on record for Asthma – this is for consent for the use of the Emergency Inhaler in school, if needed. Please complete and return to school next week.

### **Events and Reminders**

- You will have received the letter informing you about our trip to the theatre by now. The children (and staff!) are all very excited! Please do make payment as soon as you are able. You can split it into two £5 payments or pay the full £10 via the school app.
- If your child wished to attend Read and Relax next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, they will next to bring £2 by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember, there will be no Homework Club on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.
- Y4 Maths Workshop is on Monday morning – 9<sup>th</sup> October.
- We are collecting food for the Farmhouse for Harvest this year. We will be having a special Harvest assembly in school and will record the children singing a Harvest song they have been learning to share with you on our school website.
- Please do ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

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- *Teachers are still struggling to return lost property as items are not named! Please ask your child's teacher if you wish for them to label your child's property.*

*I do hope you all have a lovely weekend.*

*Kind regards,*

*Miss Williams  
Headteacher*

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### Dates for your Diary

\* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

| Date                               | Event                                                   | Details                                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October     | Y4 Maths Workshop                                       | Letter sent                                             |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October    | Read and Relax                                          | Details to follow                                       |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | Reception Maths Workshop<br>Tuck shop                   | Details to follow<br>On main playground at 3:30         |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October    | Whole school flu                                        | Letter sent                                             |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October    | Y6 Maths Workshop                                       | Details to follow                                       |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October | Parents' Evening                                        | Details to follow                                       |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October    | Harvest                                                 | Please send food in for us to send to the Farmhouse     |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Open Day for new Reception children                     | This is for children who will join us in September 2024 |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November   | Donut Sale                                              | Pre-orders only                                         |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November   | Anti-bullying week                                      |                                                         |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November   | Wear spotty clothes for Children in Need<br>Spotty Sale | On main playground at 3:30                              |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November  | School photos                                           |                                                         |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November   | Y5 Maths Workshop                                       | Details to follow                                       |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November   | Cake Sale                                               | On main playground at 3:30                              |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December    | Y2 Maths Workshop                                       | Details to follow                                       |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December    | Y3 Maths Workshop<br>Christmas gift sale in school      | Details to follow                                       |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December    | Reception Christmas Workshops                           | Details to follow                                       |

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|                                              | <i>Christmas Decoration Sale</i>                                       |                          |
| <i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup><br/>December</i>   | <i>Y1 Maths Workshop</i>                                               | <i>Details to follow</i> |
| <i>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup><br/>December</i>  | <i>Reception, Y1 and Y2 Theatre Trip (MAC)</i>                         | <i>Details to follow</i> |
| <i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup><br/>December</i> | <i>Y3-Y6 Theatre Trip (Palace Theatre)</i>                             |                          |
| <i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup><br/>December</i>   | <i>Christmas Fayre</i>                                                 | <i>Details to follow</i> |
| <i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup><br/>December</i>   | <i>Christmas jumper day<br/>Christmas production<br/>Class parties</i> | <i>Details to follow</i> |

\* You can find a copy of this letter on our school website \*

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