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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for the co-operation as we have altered the arrangements for pupil coming into school in the mornings. This new system has proved successful and we hope it has made life easier for those parents dropping off for different classes. Any feedback would be welcomed.

I have enjoyed spending time in classes this week. I have read with some pupils and have been amazed at how confident some of our more reluctant readers are becoming. I had a sneaky peak at Willow class rehearsal for their assemblies and I have seen great teamwork in Chestnut class as they have been using Talk for Writing to immerse themselves in a text. Oak class demonstrated what reflective learners they are becoming, choosing their own levels of challenge to embed and extend their knowledge. Brilliant!

Please may I remind you of your responsibility to update any contact details and medical needs concerning your child. We have had several incidents where mobile phone numbers are unavailable or medical needs have arisen that we have not been informed of. Please support us in providing any information as it changes as our aim is, first and foremost to be able to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils. If you have lost the sheet we sent out for you to check, the office will be able to give you another one.

Mrs E Thorn

Reminders:

- **Data / Contact details** We are still waiting for many of these to be returned so that we can ensure that contact, medical and other important information we have is up to date in case of any emergencies.
- School Dinner Menu: **Week 2 (Change of menu on Thursday – PTO for info)**
- **Forest School / PE** : Some children have not been able to fully participate in these activities as they have not got the appropriate kit in school. This is part of our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear (incl wellie boots.)

ATTENDANCE

The attendance figures for this week do not look at all good. Some individual pupil attendance has already been identified as unacceptable and letters will be sent to invite parents in to find ways to support in getting your child to school every day and on time. Days off school add up to lost learning and significantly impact on the progress and attainment of your child. As explained in the letter at the beginning of term there will be prizes in the summer term, for those pupils that have had 2 terms at 100%. As a teaser one of the prizes is a family ticket to Base Jump. Not only does coming to school support your child's education and future, you could have a great family time out too!



Best attendance this week goes to: Oak Class

Acorn: 90.6% Lower than our target
Chestnut: 93.6% Lower than our target
Willow: 93.6% Lower than our target
Oak: 96% Lower than our target

Whole School Attendance: 93.4%
 Lower than our target

Target: 97%

27 Lates this week : 457 minutes lost learning time

Awards this week

Star Pupils: Finlee, Alissia, Aiden, Phoenix,

Pupils on Gold: Alissia Ollie (x3) Angel-Rae Hattie, Mitchell, Jacob-Jay, Aeryn (x2), Mickie, Aiden, Adejah, Eoin, Bradley, Matthew L, Daisy (x2) Archie O,

Special Table: Ronnie, Mia, Lola, Tom

WoW Work: Ollie, Archie S, Aeryn, Bradley

Team Points

	This week	Total
Bobbin Red	71	283
Reservoir Blue	63	241
Magnolia Yellow	60	254
Cherry Orchard Green	65	250



To support the WWII topic in Willow class we will be having a one off Street Party **Themed lunch on October 5th**. Our lunch will be accompanied by 1940's music, with bunting and a celebration feel. Pupils can book their lunch as usual for this special lunch.

The majority of parents are now signed up to the class dojo app. For parents of those in year 1, it doesn't quite mimic what Tapestry provided in EYFS but does allow for you to get a glimpse into the classroom and see what has been happening. Teachers also post weekly spelling and reminders on the class pages just in case things go missing in school bags. If you haven't yet signed up, have lost your code or are having difficulties getting it up and running please speak to the relevant class teacher who will be more than willing to help.



Reading Champions



We would like to re-launch our Reading Champion scheme. This is where parents get to come in and read with pupils to support with extra reading opportunities. Our new reading records have proved a hit and pupils have been seen to be bringing reading books to and from school much more regularly.

If you would like to volunteer we will be hold an information meeting to show you how we teach reading and some basics around the use of phonics and decoding.

There is no set day that we would ask you to come in to read. Whether this was on a weekly or even fortnightly basis for 1 hour or a whole afternoon, as volunteers we would be grateful for the time you are able to give.

As part of safeguarding procedures we would have to carry out a volunteer safeguarding check

If interested please speak to your class teacher or respond via the post on the School Story of Class dojo. Once I know how many people are interested we can find a suitable date for an introductory meeting.

