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Dear Parents and Carers,

Meetings

Our 'meet the teacher' sessions have been generally very well supported over the last week. This is a good opportunity to make early contact with your child's new class teacher and understand the expectations for the year. We still have Y1 and Y4 coming up next week. Nursery and Reception parents had their meetings before the summer holidays and there will be further information in the reading, writing and phonics session on 27th September; Y1 parents will also find this session useful. The information session for nursery that had been scheduled for 4th October is no longer necessary as the content of this has already been partially covered in home visits and the rest will be included in the above phonics meeting.

Thank you to those who attended one of the volunteer meetings this week. There is a lot of statutory legislation for everybody working in schools - in whatever capacity - and it was important to be able to share some of this alongside school procedures. I hope that you found this helpful. As a school, we really appreciate your support with this.

Year 2 Workshop: The Great Fire of London

Y2 really enjoyed their drama workshop this week when they worked in the retelling of this historical event. As well as the history involved, there was a lot of focus on literacy with role-play, freeze frames and acting with a focus on language and expressiveness. Parents were treated to a performance at the end and feedback was all extremely positive.

PTA AGM: Tuesday 26th September, 8pm

We would like to invite you to join us for the PTA AGM at Blackwells on 26th September. Please do come and join us as we

Diary Dates

(new events highlighted)



September

- 15th - Reception Welcome and Buddy Assembly 1
- 18th - SEN working party
Y4 Meet the teacher
- 20th - Dementia-friendly Harvest service: choir
- 21st - Harvest
Y1 Meet the teacher
- 22nd - Y6 Value assembly
- 26th - PTA AGM
- 27th - Reading, writing and phonics session
- 28th - National Poetry Day
- 29th - Reception Welcome and Buddy Assembly 2

October

- 2nd - SEN consultation
- 6th - Reception Welcome and Buddy Assembly 3
- 9th - Bronze ambassador Training
- 16th - 20th - Y5 cycling proficiency
- 16th & 19th - Parent consultations for additional needs

23rd - 27th - HALF TERM

31st - Mayor's visit

November

- 1st - Maths evening
- 3rd - Anti-bullying workshops
Y2 sharing assembly
- 6th - Y3 to Celtic Harmony

will be voting on various key personnel, including a committee and class reps, and it is a great way to get more involved in school life.

Harvest: Thursday 21st September

We will be participating in our annual Harvest service next Thursday. We are always very well supported by our families and are asking for your generosity again in donating Harvest gifts. We encourage the giving of non-perishable gifts which members of the church take to the New Hope Trust and to The Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS). They would be particularly grateful for: tins of meat, tuna, fruit, rice puddings, tomatoes and soup; rice, sugar, coffee and teabags. They would also like cleaning products, toilet rolls and toiletries, as well as socks and underwear.

DENS come to school every Friday afternoon to take any of our remaining milk and fruit. You are very welcome to bring things to the school for this collection any Friday. Many thanks.

The choir will also be singing at the dementia-friendly Harvest service in Church on the day before. Thank you to Mrs Fetto who has been coming in and helping the children to prepare.

Nut-Free School

Following on from parental requests and the needs of some of our pupils, we are a nut-free school. Please ensure packed lunches and any snacks do not contain nuts. Thank you.

The Daily Mile and Pupil Well-Being

As part of our extra focus on pupil well-being this year, the whole school is participating in walking towards a daily mile. Some of our older pupils have mapped out a route around the school and calculated how many laps are needed to make a mile. We have started this week and at the moment, weather permitting, we are tagging it on to the end of lunch break. We are hoping to develop this and eventually build a pathway around the school field and work out routes around Chipperfield to vary and add interest. We will also look at ways of recording so that children can total their mileage and link that to distances of different places.

We are continuing with much of what we already do in terms of well-being, such as: circle times, developing play leaders, buddies and our friendship stop. Yesterday Y6 had play leader training from Clare McCauley, lead from the Dacorum Schools Sports Network, and we will further develop the children's leadership skills by them then training our Y5 pupils. The Jigsaw initiative, which I mentioned last week, will also support us in developing well-being within the curriculum.

This Week's Attendance Figures:



Yr 6	Yr 3	Yr 1	Yr 5	Yr 4	Rec	Yr 2
98.6%	98.6%	97.7%	96.8%	95.8%	94.8%	94.5%

Overall Attendance: 96.7%



Headteacher's Trophy	<i>Fin H (Y4) for making such an excellent start to the term, showing politeness, positive behaviour and working with great effort and enthusiasm.</i>
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Coming up next week:

Monday 18 th September	9am 2.45pm	SEN working party Y4 Meet the teacher
Wednesday 20 th September	11.30am	Choir: dementia-friendly Harvest service
Thursday 21 st September	2.45pm	Harvest Y1 Meet the teacher
Friday 22 nd September	2.45pm	Y6 Value assembly: Responsibility

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Caroline Moore

Headteacher