



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Thank you for your support and contributions towards our Jeans for Genes day celebrations today. We are proud to support this worthwhile cause every year by raising awareness and funds to support the genetic condition community.

Thank you also to all the parents who attended the year group welcome meetings this week. We hope you found these useful. If you were unable to attend but would like information about what was shared during the meeting you can find the presentation on the website at the top of the 'home' page or speak to your child's teacher. Our nursery welcome meeting will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm in the main school hall and Mrs Bellis will look forward to welcoming our new parents and families then.

We hope you find it useful receiving a hard copy of the school diary dates. You can also find these available for download on the first page of the school website. You will notice that on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> it is National Teaching Assistant day and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October is National Teacher's day- please do give our staff a smile and a word of encouragement around these days for their dedication and care, we really do have a fantastic team.

### Free school meal funding

Please look out for an email link from school which will allow you to apply for free school meal funding. If you think you may be eligible or your circumstances have changed it is worth completing the form as this may entitle your child to free milk at school and a reduced cost for educational visits amongst other benefits. If you would like any support with this please pop into the school office who will be happy to help.

### Day of movement

Next Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> September we are joining with Wakefield Council to encourage all children to get moving! We will be starting the day with a school Wake up, Shake up! and Mr Price is planning various additional opportunities for children to be active throughout the day.

### Hand to Mouth

We are excited to welcome Hand to Mouth back to school next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. They will be working with Year Two to provide a journey into Christianity where children will have the opportunity to explore some of the following questions: What do Christians believe? Do they have a Holy Book? How do they pray? What are their special celebrations? Who was Jesus? Baptism, Worship and Things that are special to Christians. Year One will be learning more about Fair Trade and why this is important. Please do ask your child all about their day- these days often bring up 'big questions' for children. If you need any help in answering these please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a grown up on the gate- we will be more than happy to do our best to help!

### School photographs

Tempest photographers will be in main school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. We will be opening the hall doors before school starts at 7.45am to welcome any families who wish to take the opportunity to have a family photograph including younger or older siblings/ family members. This is often very popular so please bear with us as it is likely you may need to queue for a short while. However, in our experience, these photographs are worth waiting for! Please send all children in their school uniform on this day, PE will be re-arranged for the Bees and Giraffes in Upper Foundation Stage.



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Individual photographs will also be taken of the children in main school throughout the school day on Monday. If you have more than one child in main school (not nursery) sibling photographs will also be taken on this day. Tempest Photographers will be visiting nursery on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photographs of the nursery children.

### **Celebration assembly**

We love to celebrate all of the children's achievements whether they are from within school or from home. Every Friday in school we gather together for our celebration assembly when various awards are given out including our Headteachers award, manners token winners and also our lunchtime Golden Table certificates. We also celebrate the class with the highest overall attendance. Well done to the Pandas for winning the attendance trophy last week for a wonderful 99% attendance. Well done to Cayton N for 100% attendance and winning the Movie Night box! Fantastic news! Please do send certificates, trophies and badges received out of school to be celebrated with our school family every Friday.

### **School Council**

A big well done to all of the children elected by their friends in class to represent them on the School Council! This is a very important role which involves helping to make decisions in school and run various events. We are looking forward to them helping to plan and run the MacMillan Coffee Morning in school- please do come and support the event and obviously enjoy a delicious slice of cake while doing so! Oliver R, Tia A, Allannah T, Robbie L, Myles H, Charlotte F, Albert B, Jasmine K, Maya C, Seth T, Cason C, Avneet S, Rufus B, Florence T, Theo-James D, Brooke C, Tobias H and Kadie C we know you will do a brilliant job in your new role.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

This annual event is always a favourite within school and we hope you and family members will be able to join us on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September after you have dropped your child off. We are hosting our coffee morning in the school hall where you will find a delicious slice of something home-baked, a warm cup of tea or coffee and a place to have a chat and catch up with each other. It's a wonderful opportunity to do all of this whilst also being able to donate to support MacMillan in their important work supporting families affected by cancer. Please do put this date in your diary.

### **Reading**

As we all know, reading is a crucial skill which provides the foundation for lifelong learning. In school we are committed to encouraging all our children to love reading. They receive an excellent start learning phonics (the sounds which make up words) using the Little Wandle programme and matching books. In order for them to become confident and fluent in reading these sounds there is an expectation that they read little and often- at least three times a week at home but ideally every night. This can be five minutes at bedtime, after breakfast, in the car or even while waiting for a football club or swimming lesson! When you read with your child at home, please record this in their orange reading record book. We value your partnership in supporting your child with such an important area of learning.

### **Pupil progress meetings for parents**

You will be invited to come along to a short parent meeting with your child's class teacher the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to discuss your child's progress. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending a booking form out for you to make an appointment.

Have a lovely weekend and please do remember that our doors are always open for any questions or worries as your child settles into their new class.

Yours sincerely,

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