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Dear Parent/Carer

### Newsletter 9

Welcome back to the start of Term 4. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break.

#### **Value for Life**

Our value this term is Perseverance. Christians believe that Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to 'endure patiently' the difficulties and obstacles they encountered and to persevere in the face of adversity. He himself trusted in God even when his enemies tried to stop his work and plotted his death.

#### **Staff**

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Anne Donaldson to the school team as School Business Manager. Mrs Donaldson brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and we are looking forward to working with her. Mrs Donaldson will start after Easter.

I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Harrison will be stepping down from her role with Pastoral Care. I would like to thank Mrs Harrison for all the work she has done with the children over the last four years. Mrs Harrison will be continuing as a Teaching Assistant in Class 3. Her replacement will be announced in due course.

#### **Playground equipment**

This week the children have started using some brand new playground equipment! Equipment such as sit on scooters with paddles, giant jenga and skittles are gradually being introduced to brighten up play times for the children. Money from the PE Premium Grant has been used to finance this.

#### **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> March). Children may come dressed as a book character. We are not collecting any money on this day.

#### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who brought their unwanted textiles into school this week. Although we didn't raise as much money this time, we received a cheque for £68.80 and as you know, every little helps.

#### **Year Group Photos**

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Thank you to all the parents/carers who have sent in their reply slips regarding class photos. Responses are overwhelmingly in favour of having a class photo taken. This has been organised for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. As with other school photos, there is no obligation to buy.

### **Internet Safety Evening**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have indicated that they will be attending our Internet Safety Evening on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. There is still time to let us know if you are able to attend. Please be mindful that it is not appropriate for children.

### **Swimming Money**

Please ensure that swimming money is sent into school promptly. It should be sent in advance of the swimming session taking place.

### **Date change**

In order to accommodate Class 5 swimming lessons, the date for our **reserve** Sport's Day has changed to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Sport's Day will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting of course!).

### **School Council**

Justin Tomlinson MP will be coming into school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March to talk to the school council about his role as an MP and how parliament works. He has said he is really looking forward to visiting our school.

### **Special Mention**

A special mention must go to Maddie Tapner in Class 6 who represented the school in an equestrian competition during the half term holiday. The two phase competition consisted of nine show jump fences and nine cross country fences. Maddie came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 103 competitors, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done Maddie!

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills

Head Teacher