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Newsletter- Week 12

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. This week we have a special online meeting for all families to promote Online Safety...look out for a zoom link on Wednesday morning to click in at 7pm! Please do join us! In general, it is very busy in school as we continue to strive for the best for all of our children. Our latest internal and external monitoring activities were very positive and there are lots of highlights to celebrate. As ever, we don't want to sit back...we want to give our best endeavours to every pupil and their bright futures. With that in mind, let's get started!

Home School Agreement: Following the disruption to COVID we have supported pupils back in to the classroom and attendance, learning and behaviour are working really well overall. In terms of learning we are pleased with the position of our pupils and staff are doing a great job with the ongoing support of our parents and families. We do have to remember, however, that the last 8 months have been anything but normal and EVERY child has missed out in some way on their learning and social experiences.

We are delighted that so many children are following our steps to success every day and completing their home learning to supplement their hard work in school. We are passionate and relentless in our goal to be the best school that we can be and to support EVERY child to reach their full potential. **With this in mind I have asked staff to provide weekly updates to me on pupils which include how well they have engaged with our Home School Agreement expectations (please see attached) This document does not need to be signed and returned as we already have a signed copy for all pupils.** We already chase up attendance and punctuality issues and deal with any behavioural issues as soon as possible, keeping parents updated every step of the way. From now on we will send a text message, email and/or call parents weekly to discuss any aspect of the agreement that is not being followed. This includes any issues with uniform or PE kit but it will focus more carefully on the links to learning- homework, spelling, reading at home (and writing in the log to show us what has been read) will all be checked and chased up if not happening from now on. This is because we want the best for every child and every day of learning counts especially after the disruptive year we have had. **Together we can ensure that every child is flying again by the end of this school year.**

Our entire ethos is built upon partnership and working together to support our pupils to do their best and to be the best that they can be. When we are next visited by Ofsted (probably in around 18-24 months) they, according to the latest framework for inspection, will focus on our least confident learners and their provision. We can evidence lots of extra support and provision but they will also check that we chase up and engage all families in home learning and supporting the school ethos/expectations- as set out in the attached document. Remember- we always stress that a short time each day is better than doing lots every so often. Little and often is our preferred approach with key skills. After a full day at school we don't expect hours and hours of learning but keeping maths, spelling and reading skills sharp are so crucial. Homework and deadlines are crucial to preparing children for later life as the expectations are significantly higher at secondary school and then the world of work demands organisation and conscientiousness throughout. We only want the best for our pupils and we will always work with you to deliver that. If you would like more support or resources to help your child at home or require further guidance on their next steps to improve then you are quite welcome to get in touch for a meeting or discussion.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and support.

Have a great week everyone and please stay safe! **Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher**

Week 11 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 12 Diary Dates
Attendance: 99.3% (91.2%) Late marks: 4 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Attendance: 98.6% (93.6) Late marks: 1.2 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	DINNER MENU WEEK 1 Y2 phonics checks all week with Mrs Royston Weds 25 th : 7-8pm Online Safety Meeting (Zoom, all welcome) Weds 25 th : 8-8.30pm Prospective Parents Meeting (Zoom) Thursday 26 th : DT Day (all Y1 and half of the F2 class) Thursday: Y4 Virtual Sports Competition (PM) Friday 27 th : Star of the Week Assembly Friday 27 th : F1-Y2 Christmas Jumper Day- Filming Christmas Video
Class of the Week: Courageous Captain Moores with 100%		

