

## Dear Parents & Carers

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### Message from Mrs Majcher

We were invited to attend the opening of the new Aldi store in High Wycombe. We chose our new prefects from Year 6 to represent the school and all duly turned up at 7.45am. The children were then photographed alongside Sally Walton an Olympic hockey player. They held the ribbon as Sally cut it marking the store open. Check out the photos in the Bucks Free Press. The children did a wonderful job representing our school and enjoyed themselves too. Just for the record, I was the first person through the tills and I duly asked for the school stickers! Sally then came to our school and gave a very inspirational assembly to the children who asked her very sensible questions. Sally focussed on 'resilience' one of our school values. As an extra special treat, Aldi donated a piece of fruit for all the children and staff which was very well received by all. Thank you Aldi for a very special day!

### Old Photos Please

As part of our diamond celebrations, we are collecting old photos, newspaper clips and any other memoirs of the school or Flackwell Heath. If you have any that you can share, please scan them and email them to the school. Thank you in advance.

### Diamond Celebration Update

The children have loved wearing the badges. The Diamond Challenge is going very well and I am giving out lots of leather bookmarks. Unfortunately we had to cancel the adult disco as not enough tickets were sold but will have a diamond children's disco in June instead. I am busy getting quotes for the courtyard garden at the moment.

### Sponsored Event

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will be running our first house sponsored event, fingers crossed for good weather. The children have selected their event very carefully. If you can support them that would be great. All proceeds will go towards our courtyard garden.

### Our Lovely PTA

The PTA have donated £5460.94 towards our beautiful library. Thank you very much.

### Working with our Local Community

Vicky Everitt from the Methodist Church has kindly offered her services and we are looking at ways that will be of benefit to our children. Vicky led a super assembly where she focussed on diamonds and resilience. It is so important that we can give our children a variety of local talent.

### The Rotary Club

The Rotary Club have generously donated £500 towards our diamond celebrations this year. Thank you very much.

### Seeing the Teachers

Please note that it is not possible to speak to the teachers in the morning as you drop children off. Teachers are busy teaching at that time. Please use Seesaw or see the teachers at the end of the day.

### Change of Financial Circumstances

If this has happened to you please pop in for a chat. There may be things we can do for you.

## School Car Park

Please do not use our car park it is intended for staff use only and those with special permission.

## Bucks MIND – Peer Mentors

Following a rigorous application process we are very proud to announce that we have 15 fully trained Year 6 peer mentors who will be helping the children at break and lunch times. They will be wearing a special hi vis jacket and their badges.

## Christ Church

Please see attached news from Christ Church.

## Hot School Meals

Please remember to order food if your child wishes a hot meal. More frequently children are going up for a meal, particularly on a Monday without an order being placed. Dolce, our lunch provider only have a small amount of extra food over, but this is not enough to cover more and more children who are coming up without preordering.

## Water Bottles

We have had a number of spills in classrooms caused by water bottles without the sports caps. Please only send water bottles which are transparent and with a sports cap.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening	4pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	11+ results	3.15 pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y6 SATs meeting	6.00 pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Disco	To be advised
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly by Year 5	2.45 pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term week	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to school	8.40 am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Drop & Stop	9.00 - 11.00 am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Look	3.30 – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Look	8.15 – 8.40 am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Launchpad & early morning maths ends for the term	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Nativity Performance	To be confirmed
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Nativity Evening Performance	6.00 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	12 00 noon
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert	To be advised
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 1pm	

## Attendance

Sadly there are a great deal of children missing school at the moment due to holidays particularly in Year 3 who are our newest children and are still learning the 'Junior School' way. There is a direct correlation between attendance and progress and if children miss school then they do not progress as well and as quickly as they should. Please please try to bring your child to school every day. Please see attached form demonstrating the loss of school time.

## Punctuality

We have an awful lot of children coming into school after the gate is closed in the morning. Please note that the children should be in school by 8.50am. Registration is at 8.55am and lessons begin at 9am. If children are continuously late this does make a significant difference to their learning and confidence as walking into class once lessons begin can be quite difficult for some children. The rest of the class is affected as teachers will recap the lesson for the latecomers. Please try to get your children in school on time – they will benefit.

*Best Wishes, Mrs Majcher and Staff*