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Dear Parents,

At the end of the first full week back in school, it is like we have never been away. We have hit the ground running. Teachers have been busy getting to know the children in their classes and the children are becoming familiar with class routines and timetables. The reception children have all spent time in school and it is good to see how they are gaining more confidence each day (as well as their parents). Children in year 6 have all started their prefect jobs and running the school tuckshop. Many of the year 6 will take selection tests for secondary school next week. We wish them well and encourage them to do their best. In addition to this, we have had a dancing robot in assembly and we have had the poet 'Ian Bland' spend two days with us working with each year group, reading and performing poems. As a result, in merit assembly we had lots to share, be thankful for and to celebrate. I would also like to mention how smart all of the children have been coming back to school. They are all very proud of their new uniform and the challenge is now how we can maintain this. As the parent of three children, I do not underestimate how tricky this is.

Curriculum Evenings

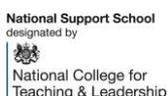
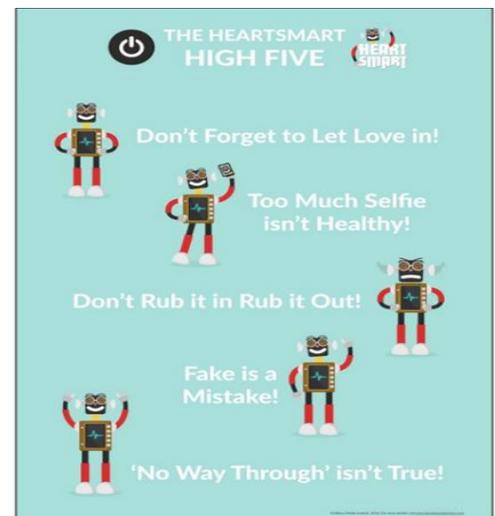
In the next few weeks we will have curriculum evenings across the school. These are really useful times to hear about the curriculum and topics your children will be taught this year. Class teachers will also share with you some aspects of our new behaviour policy and our new programme for personal social and health education called HeartSmart (see below).

Curriculum Evening dates:

- Year 5 and Year 6 - Tuesday 25th September – 6pm start
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Wednesday 26th September - 5.30 start
- Year 3 and Year 4 – Wednesday 26th September - 6pm start

HeartSmart

We are delivering 'HEARTSMART' throughout school as part of PSHE and SMSC. The programme is designed to support children to build resilience, emotional intelligence and active empathy. It enables children to adopt a positive growth mindset, whilst maintaining a healthy emotional self. HEARTSMART is about loving and accepting ourselves as well as loving and responding well to others. The programme is focussed around Boris the Robot who helps to motivate children to become actively involved with the



programme and learning. There are 5 themes (known as 'High Five') that Boris shares throughout the year which are linked to the principles of feeling valued, considering others and showing empathy, forgiveness, being truthful and not giving up when faced with challenge.

Goldmark

I am delighted to announce that our school has once again been awarded the School Games Goldmark in recognition of our sporting provision and our commitment to engaging children in an active and healthy lifestyle. It has been great to see so many of our children participating in our extra curriculum clubs (provided free through our PE Premium) and representing our school at sporting competitions both at local and county level.

Earthfest

Tomorrow on the school field, is the Earthfest. This is always well worth attending. During the day the maypole dancers are performing at 12.15pm and the choir are singing at 5pm. Let's hope for some good weather too.

Updates and reminders

- Payment of school meals – Please ensure you keep your payments for school meals up-to-date. The school cannot provide credit. Occasionally in our busy lives we sometimes forget, but my catering staff do send reminders and when you receive these it would help if you could respond to it quickly.
- Snacks and items in packed lunch boxes that need to be cut up to avoid choking hazards include: grapes, cherry tomatoes, plum tomatoes and larger segments of fruit such as satsumas or oranges.
- Reminders about informing us of any medical or allergy information. Medical forms will be coming home shortly for any updates or additions. Important to help keep the children safe.
- Allergy awareness – please avoid sending in nuts or kiwi fruit. We have a few children in the school who are highly allergic to these foods.
- Over next few weeks you will receive a data collection sheet, which contains the current information we have stored such as: addresses and phone numbers. This is a very important document. Please read it carefully and make any necessary adjustments before returning to the school.
- Dogs on the field – Increasingly we have noticed that there are some dogs that regularly visit our field. I would ask that you do not let your dog foul on our field even if you pick it up. Please do not be offended when one of my staff speaks to you about this.

Job Vacancy

Please contact the school office if you would be interested in working as a midday assistant.

Inset Days

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

Friday 19th October

Monday 7th January

Friday 24th May

Yours sincerely,

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