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NEWSLETTER 5

DATE 7 October 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

On 10 October 2022 it is World Mental Health Day, we are asking the children to **'wear yellow'** to mark this important day. Mental ill health can affect anyone, no matter what age, background or place in their life, and it is something that is not always easily spoken about. This year during Hello Yellow day we will be asking everyone to wear something yellow, that might be your whole outfit or one item of clothing. The children will be using some of the ideas from the Hello Yellow website <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/> Instead of money this year we would like the children to 'donate' an act of kindness, to make someone else smile. If you want to donate money details can be found on the website.

All it takes is a kind word to make someone feel noticed and raise their self-esteem. This week I came into my office to find a card from Belle Y2, it was purple (my favourite colour) and said 'thank you for everything you do for us we appreciate it', that definitely made me smile. There are lots of things that the children can do both at home and school to 'make a donation', a kind word, a compliment, picking up a piece of rubbish even if it isn't theirs, letting someone join in their game or asking about how their weekend was. I look forward to seeing all of the smiles around school on Hello Yellow Day.

Something that we are doing to help at break times and lunchtimes is to talk to the children about the positive games that they can play and the ways that we expect them to behave. The staff have been making sure that we have consistent expectations and that the children know what they are. I spoke to you last year about the Zones of Regulation, a tool to support children to recognise how they feel and to teach them ways to move from the Red Zone to the Green Zone. This term's value of Community also backs up the idea that we all have a responsibility for making the playground a positive, enjoyable and safe space. Over the next year we will talk to you more about what we are doing to support the children at lunchtime, I would like to say thank you to Miss Hursey for her donation of books and Lego for our indoor lunchtime activities, having a variety of things to do indoors and outside helps the children to play positively.



In assembly every Friday we hand out a cup to the class that has the highest attendance that week. As a guide 95% is a good level of attendance, whilst we understand that there may be times when the children are unwell and need to recover at home, it is important that holidays and other unauthorised days of absence are kept to a minimum. The Governors ask for an attendance report at regular meetings because they like us, think that coming into school regularly is very important. Each term they award an attendance cup to the class with the highest overall attendance. This week the winner was Eagles 97.9%.

Mrs Janes
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Outside Achievements:



Archie was lucky enough to be amongst one of the winners from the library challenge this summer. He got to meet the author Jessica Meserve and was given a signed copy of her book "Beyond the Burrow" so proud of Archie exceptionally polite and lovely manners



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Wrens** (for playing nicely at lunchtimes) & **Kestrels** (for getting along well as a whole class community)



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Eagles** with 97.9%.

Monday 10 October	Tuesday 11 October	Wednesday 12 October	Thursday 13 October	Friday 14 October
Menu 1 Yellow Day				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Parents Consultations booking System Closes at 4pm Last Day for Disco Tickets
Monday 17 October	Tuesday 18 October	Wednesday 19 October	Thursday 20 October	Friday 21 October
Menu 2 Parents Consultations Evening 5pm – 7.30pm	Parents Consultations Evening 3.30pm – 6pm		Individual / Sibling Photos	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Y6 Height/Weight – Schools Nurses KS1 Halloween Disco 4.30pm-6pm KS2 Halloween Disco 6.30pm-8pm
Monday 24 October	Tuesday 25 October	Wednesday 26 October	Thursday 27 October	Friday 28 October
Half-term	Half-term	Half-term	Half-term	Half-term



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Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 25 November 2022	-	INSET Day 3	- school closed to children
Monday 28 November 2022	-	Occasional Day	- school closed to children
21 December 2022	-	Last day of term	
22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023	-	Christmas holiday	
Thursday 5 January 2023	-	First day of term for pupils	
13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half term holiday	
Monday 20 February 2023	-	INSET Day 4	- school closed to children
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday	
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5	- school closed to children
29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 21 July 2023	-	Last day of term	
24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023	-	Summer holiday	