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Dear parents,

I hope you are enjoying this lovely weather and the glorious sun. We have certainly enjoyed being outside more and enjoyed an extra play this week after our assembly on Democracy. Over the next few weeks, we will be visiting each of the British values and ensuring children know what they mean and why.

This week Mrs Kennedy talked about the importance of Democracy and following this gave the children a vote – 10 minutes golden time in class or an extra play, with this gorgeous weather the children could not wait to get outside for an extra play time, we agree this was a great use of a democratic vote!



Last week, our science week was a great success, class 1 got busy both indoors and outside. The children planted broad beans in an experiment to observe and measure how they grow, we were very pleased with the results. Class 1 also took their science learning outside in our continuous provision and enjoyed linking this science focus to their current plants topic. Well done class 1!



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Class 2 became immunologist's in their sessions. They learnt all about antigens and antibodies and how our immune system protects us. Then they tested out how important it is to use soap when washing our hands. The results indicated we are all going to take a bit more care hand washing in future!



Class 3 have also been busy this week in their English sessions this week. On Wednesday in their English lesson, they role played news presenters and reported on an exciting development in which some expert marine biologists have heard about a recent sighting of a rare sea creature. The results are coming together and Class 3 never fail to amaze me with their incredible writing skills.

Finally, our merit winners this week and last, well done to you all!

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Horacio Sam	Hugo Albie	Oscar Sophie, Jack and Abby

Last Heads up I wrote to parents about the importance of attendance in school and the impact continued lateness can have on your child's academic progress. Thank you to all our families, we know you are trying hard to get your children to school and on time, we have seen an improved determination over the last two weeks. This is very much appreciated.

We have been thinking as a school team how to further support families and children with attendance and punctuality. From the first day of the summer term – Tuesday 22nd April breakfast club is open for all children. We have a 50% interest in this provision which means parking and traffic will be easier at 8.15am (start of breakfast club) and 8.40am (start of school drop off). We will also introduce an exciting whole school reward for all children who improve attendance in the summer term, this will be announced in worship the first day of summer term.



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Finally, we have written to all parents today regarding uniform, homework, reading and spelling. I talked to the children today in worship about respect for our school, our rules and ourselves. It is important that children come to school in the correct uniform, please do ensure this happens.

As a school we have worked hard to make sure homework has an impact on the children and their learning, this is something we are passionate about. Due to this we only expect reading (3x week as a minimum) and spelling practice through spelling frame and in homework books.

This constant practice has the biggest proven impact on children and their academic progress. Please can you ensure you read with your child 3 times a week and record in yellow reading records and also ensure children practice spellings (from year 3 upwards) log on to spelling frame regularly and complete spelling homework.

Here is a short explanation for all classes:

(All reading should be recorded in your child's yellow Reading Record)

Class 1 – Read material matched to phonics

Class 2 – Year 2 - Read material matched to phonics

Year 3 - Read 3 x a week, practice spellings on spelling frame and homework book.

Class 3 – All year groups - Read 3 x a week, practice spellings on spelling frame and homework book.

As always thank you for your continuous support as we ensure our children in excel in all areas!

Kind regards

Mrs Willis

Thursday 27 th April	Year 5 and 6 Crucial Crew trip
Friday 28 th March –	PTFA Chocolate Bingo night 5.30-7.30
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring term. 9am - Celebration assembly for parents. Egg rolling and bunny drive for children.
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Summer Term