



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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Dear parents and carers,

Another busy week at school. Thank you to all the parents from Navigators and Pioneers who joined us this morning and also took part in 'Wake n shake'!

Parents and Friends

We are pleased to share that the Parents and Friends have now become a registered charity. This will help us increase the amount of fundraising as we can make use of 'Gift Aid' for donations from tax payers.



Calling all bakers! The Friends and Parents committee are requesting donations of cakes, buns and biscuits for the Pop-Cafe in aid of Macmillan Care on Friday 30th September. Please bring any cake donations to the school when you do the morning drop-off on

Friday. The cafe opens after school, 3-5pm. A reminder please that we are a '**nut free**' school.

Change of dates

Due to some training opportunities in our trust we have needed to make changes to the Reception information evening and parents evenings. The online calendar has been updated as has the list at the end of this newsletter. Unfortunately, we sometimes have to make changes that are beyond our control.

Ambassadors

Ambassadors met this week to set their plans for the year and elect chairpersons and secretaries. Please see the ambassador pages on the website for updates.

In the next few weeks we will also be selecting reading ambassadors for year 3 and sports ambassadors for year 4.

Good manners

There is a particular focus on manners in school at the beginning of the year to set the tone in school. We know that behaving politely in different social situations is a really important life skill so we are encouraging the children to do the following:

- Use people's names when greeting them e.g. Good morning Mrs Alford
- To make polite reciprocal comments e.g when asked 'How are you today' they can respond 'I'm good thanks how about you?' or something similar.
- Always using please and thank you and applying these skills to a range of situations.

Tattoo transfers

We have had quite a number of children coming into school with tattoo transfers on their arms and this has proved quite distracting for them and other children. Please could we ask for your support in ensuring that these are removed after the weekend. Many thanks.



Jigsaw overview

Many of you will know that we use the Jigsaw approach to PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and SRE (Sex and Relationships). Each term we provide you with an overview so that you have an awareness of the content (please see attached sheet).

Friday Dining

Congratulations to Martha, Mia, Rupert, Ronan, Ruby and Emily, who were selected to bring a friend to 'Friday Dining' today. They were chosen by their class teacher for displaying the qualities of our Jigsaw learning this week and for their excellent manners.



A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been talking about the different parts of the sunflower and have removed seeds using tweezers. They have also explored water colours to create their own pictures.



Adventurers have been detectives looking for the first signs of autumn in the school grounds.



Voyagers have been creating dragon pictures using shapes, reading picture graphs and thinking about how best to attack a castle.

Navigators and Pioneers have been writing diary entries based on Lucy's experiences (from Lob) and made their own rivers in the school grounds.



A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be basing their enquiries around a sunflower theme.

Adventurers will be exploring the autumn weather and predicting what might happen in the next few weeks as well as considering how it affects us.

Voyagers will be finding out about knights and what they did, beginning the story, *George and the Dragon* (no spoilers please!) as well as finding out about caring for teeth.

Navigators and Pioneers will be investigating solids, liquids and gases in a science experiment and beginning some letter writing from Lob.

Upcoming Dates (all dates now on website on the google calendar)

Recent changes in **red**.

Friday 30th September Macmillan Coffee Morning for the community

Wednesday 5th October Parents' meeting for reception 6pm

Monday 10th October Early Parents' Evening (3:15pm)

Wednesday 12th October Late Parents' Evening (5pm)

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October Half term

Monday 31st October INSET

Monday 14th Start of Nursery Rhyme Week (Explorers and Adventurers)

9th- 11th November Leeson House residential Y4

Friday 18th November Children in Need

Kind regards,



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