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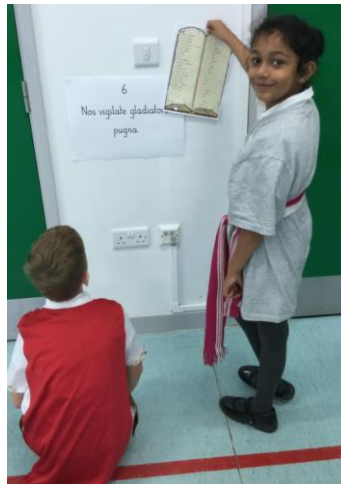
**Headteacher: Amie James**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a wonderful term- which has ended with fun and excitement ready for the Christmas and winter holidays.

Our curriculum has been thriving across the school with a range of themes to bring the subjects 'alive'. Many of you have had the opportunity to now come into school to be alongside your children during the school day and we hope you have seen the wonderful learning that happens, through both discussion and their books. If you haven't had the chance to do this yet, this will be continuing next term.



In November, many of our Year 6 children attended a residential trip to Grafham residential centre. This kind of experience can be daunting and worrying for both children and parent/carers. However, all of our pupils faced many new experiences with enthusiasm and resilience and demonstrated BEST throughout their time there. I would like to express my thanks to the staff who also took time away from their own families and home lives to ensure our children received new opportunities. I also hope your washing machines coped with the mud!



Over the past term, we have also held open days for new perspective parents and families. All of those who looked around the school were impressed by what they saw, the children they spoke to and the BEST behaviours in action. I would like to give a special mention to the Year 6 children who were our tour guides and were fabulous ambassadors of our school. Well done!

During this term, we also discussed and learnt about Anti-Bullying week. We began the week with a whole school assembly and discussed what bullying is and the importance of reaching out when we feel or see others feel unsafe.

### What is Bullying?

Bullying is repeated, negative, intended behaviour which makes others feel uncomfortable, upset or unsafe.

### STOP

Our children are learning to remember the word **STOP** and how to use it in different ways.

If children feel they are experiencing bullying they can ask themselves is the behaviour **Several Time On Purpose** and if they think they or others are being bullied then they must **Start Telling Other People**.

Our children have all been given new and important job roles- they have now all become **Anti-bullying Ambassadors**.

### What does this mean?

We should all be **thoughtful** to one another and demonstrate BEST. If we see others repeating unkind behaviours **Several Times On Purpose** then we should all remember Safe and **Start Telling Other People** and tell our trusted adults.

The children also created displays in their year groups which we shared across the school to help us all promote our British Values, our school ethos of BEST and to remind us all to reach out and make a pledge to STOP bullying.





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In the national news, we have sadly seen the tragic deaths of young children so please ensure you remind your children about 'ice safety' during this cold spell, to ensure they remain safe at all times. If you require further information, Mrs Bates sent the following attachment in a previous email.



I want to express my thanks to all of our school community for making our Winter Barnanza a wonderful event. The children, staff and HSA worked incredibly hard to make the event happen with their ideas, effort and enthusiasm. I am under no illusion many of us are facing difficult financial circumstances so I am incredibly grateful and absolutely blown away by the donations of both money and time you gave us on Wednesday.

Finally, it is with great sadness that today we will be saying farewell to Mrs Baughan who will be leaving our school today. She began her time here as a teaching assistant and then in 2013 became a teacher. For the last 9 years, she has been such a fun, kind and dedicated member of our team- we will miss her greatly as I am sure your children will too. Thankyou for the music, Mrs Baughan!! Much love to you and enjoy your new chapter.

I hope you all enjoy a restful break and a wonderful Christmas time.  
With very BEST wishes for a happy and peaceful new year.

Mrs James

### **Reminders:**

***In order to keep all our children safe, the play equipment/trim trail on our school playground is not to be used before and after school. The equipment is only supervised during playtimes, lunchtimes and specific PE lessons.***

*Please remember the car park is shut between 8:30 and 9:10 and from 3:00 until 3:30, unless you hold a disability badge/permit for vehicles which needs to be displayed clearly.*

*We are committed to BEST and treating you with respect and courtesy and to be Thoughtful to you all. Our staff also have the right to work in safe environment so we ask that you treat them thoughtfully and with the same respect and courtesy. Offensive behaviour will result in you being asked to leave and may result in prosecution.*

*Please keep up to date with all information by regularly checking your emails, our social media pages and our school website.*