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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Summer holidays, we have had an incredible start to the new school year.

This term, we have welcomed many new children and families to our school community but I would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new reception children and their families. They are all showing our BEST values and are off to a flying start! Well done and happy school days!

Across the school, the children have taken part in lots of exciting learning opportunities related to their year group themes, including Rainforests, Superheroes, Invaders and Settlers and All About Me.

Please check your emails, our school website and social media for updates about the curriculum offer for your child and about what they are learning. We regularly send out information, especially at the beginning of a new school term.

I would also encourage you to ask your child about what they have been doing- we have the pleasure of talking to them about their school experiences and they are open, honest but also very enthusiastic!

On Thursday 28th September, our Year 4 children enjoyed their trip to Cadbury World as part of their current unit of work called 'Chocolate'.

Everyone enjoyed learning about the origins of chocolate but they especially enjoyed their time in the 4D cinema and taking part in the chocolate tasting. The staff who went along were also incredibly impressed with how all the children demonstrated our BEST values whilst they were there.



On Monday 10th October, Weston Favell Shopping Centre kindly gave us the opportunity to work with Lloyd Warbey (artist and host of Art Attack). He joined our Year 5 children and supported them with creating beautiful poppies. The Year 5 children had a great time and produced fantastic work. These will now be used as part of a large remembrance display at Weston Favell Centre in November.



On Friday 13th October, the Skipping Ninja visited our school and led an exciting and very active day. We all got to practise our skipping skills whilst building our resilience and learning how to keep going even if we make a mistake or find something tricky. Thank you to Pete for joining us. We hope your child(ren) enjoyed it as much as we did, although some of us most definitely needed a rest afterwards!!



In assemblies this term, we have revisited BEST and what it means to be Brave, Enthusiastic, Safe and Thoughtful in all areas of our lives. These are discussions that will continue in our RSE and PSHE curriculum but they are also values that we continue to embed in all parts of school life everyday throughout the school year.

We have also discussed World Mental Health Day and Black History Month. Whilst these are significant dates in the calendar, we encourage our children to recognise the importance of such events and be mindful of the meaning and messages that underpin them every day of the year.



By being thoughtful, how are we helping to promote our British Values?

We need to remember that we are all different but we are all welcome!

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Parent/carer information events

We hope over the last term you have been able to attend some of our events that have been held across the school.

These have all provided a great opportunity for you to understand educational requirements, what your child is learning and how well they are progressing.

It is incredibly valuable when our parents and carers show our children that we are working together to support their learning and also enables our children to become more successful. We also understand that, due to demands of your own jobs, you may not be able to attend during the school day so we have repeated meetings at different times and/or recorded them and then emailed the sessions so the information is available to all parents and carers.

Cycling to school- new update

It is wonderful to see many of our children walking, cycling or scootering to school and, whilst we actively encourage this, we want to ensure that all children understand how to keep themselves safe when doing so. Consequently, from Monday 30th October, if your child would like to bring their bike or scooter into school they must wear a helmet. Please use the next week to purchase one if they do not already have one. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Parking

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all to be Safe and Thoughtful when collecting or dropping your child(ren) off.

We understand that it can be very stressful in the mornings when we have to be in multiple places but it is vital that **ALL** car drivers remain courteous to all of those in our community and that they also drive and park within the law to ensure we do not hurt or harm anyone.

The Highway Code Rule 243 states that it is illegal to stop or park near the following:

- near a school entrance (including zig zag lines)
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

Uniform information

We believe a school uniform gives our children a sense of belonging and encourages them to feel proud of the school they attend and it is wonderful to see that the overwhelming majority of you follow our school uniform policy.

Our PE uniform ensures that our children continue to represent our school and ethos of BEST, that they look smart and feel part of a bigger school community.

When children wear their school uniform we are always proud of how smart they look and we want to maintain this standard on PE days.

PE uniform should **ONLY** be worn on designated PE days or as directed by the class teacher and **not** on any other days. *The PE kit should also be worn for before/after school sports clubs.*

The PE uniform can be purchased via the Goodies app or you can buy the equivalent from alternative shops as long as it follows our expectations.

Our PE uniform consists of the following:

- plain white t-shirt or the **NEW** school t-shirt with owl logo
- black jogging bottoms or leggings
- black shorts (or green shorts if you already have these)
- black hoodie with school owl badge
- trainers or plimsolls
- hat for sunny days

Our uniform expectations are as follows:

- green cardigan or jumper
- fleece or cardigan with school owl logo (ordered through the main school office)
- white polo shirt or white plain white shirt or blouse
- grey or black trousers or tailored shorts (not sportswear)
- grey or black skirts or pinafores
- green gingham summer dress
- black flat school shoes (**not** white or coloured trainers or sandals in the summertime)
- rucksack/school bag or book bag with school owl logo (ordered through the main school office) to carry school items
- draw string bag with school owl logo (useful to carry trainers in if your child wishes to change footwear at lunchtimes to play football or to carry spare trainers for PE which can get muddy during the winter months)

*Children should **not** wear jewellery other than stud earrings and/or a watch. Children should also **not** wear black or any other types of jeans or leggings. ALL jewellery, including stud earrings, MUST be removed on a PE day or your child will not be able to participate.*



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We have had a fantastic first term and we are looking forward to what comes next throughout the rest of this academic year! Thank you to you all for your ongoing support and helping us achieve a great start and for being BEST!

I hope you all enjoy a restful break and we will see you at 8:50 on Monday 30th October.

Mrs Amie James
Head teacher

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. Our caretaker will open the school gates when it is time to do so.

Please ensure you park safely and thoughtfully and NOT on the zigzag lines.

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.