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Dear Parents/Carers

Our whole school topic 'Super You, Super Me' is well underway with some exciting learning happening across the school. So far, Sycamore Class have already found a crime scene, Maple Class are sailing around the world one book at a time, Oak have made their own floating boats and Beech have explored floating and sinking with almost every resource in their classroom! We are looking forward to welcoming some real heroes to our school soon – find out more below!



Ever-Improving Outdoor Learning

Our Activall boards are now a popular choice for many children at break times – and the staff have had a little fun with them too!



Thank you also to A & M Matless Ltd for helping Mrs Kidd with the regeneration of our pond area. Once finished, this will make a great difference to our Forest School activities.



Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Courtney Ivers. Miss Ivers is currently studying for her degree and gaining experience in Oak classroom. As part of her training, Miss Ivers is carrying out some research which relevant families will have received a letter about.

We are also pleased to be supporting Miss Leanne Thompson, initially in Beech class. Miss Thompson is also studying for her degree and gaining classroom experience with us on a voluntary basis.



Superhero Visit



To bring our 'Super You, Super Me' topic to life, we will be welcoming members of the RNLI to our school on Friday 8th February. These real heroes will be speaking to each class about their work and how the equipment they use is designed to aid their superpowers!

School Matters!



Attendance

Our target is 96%. Results for January:

Beech Class: 98.1%

Oak Class: 94.6%

Maple Class: 98.3%

Sycamore Class: 97.9%

Congratulations Maple class!

Assessment Workshop

On March 5th we will be holding an assessment workshop. Information will be shared about the statutory assessments that we must undertake with your children at the end of each year group. Class teachers will be available to answer any questions and show you some examples of the assessment tools used. Please come along to find out more.

Farm Visit



Looking forward, after half term our whole school topic will be Food, Glorious Food. To support our learning we will be taking the children to Norton's Dairy. The children will attend in two groups across the morning of Monday 18th March. At the farm, the children will take part in three activities to help them understand the lifecycles of plants and animals as well as where our food comes from. A visit to the milking parlour, the calves and the grain store will be included. Letters have been sent home. Please return your reply slips with payment as soon as possible and if you are able to help on this visit, please contact the school office.

The Weather!



We have now entered into the most likely period for bad weather. We do try to keep the school open in all weathers so long as it is safe to do so. If you are not sure of how we inform parents of school closure, please see the letter available on our website under the Latest News tab of the News section. Please make sure your children have coats, hats and gloves in school!

General Reminders



Please park considerately. Doing so makes our school and the surrounding area safer for everyone. The school car park is for staff only. The car park opposite is for residents only.



We are outside in most weathers. Please make sure your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day.



If any of your details or circumstances have changed, please let us know so our records are kept up-to-date.



Children may play on the all-weather surface before/after school but may not play on the equipment or in the garden or forest school area



Children's Mental Health

The slides from this workshop are now available on the Parents section of our website under Parent Workshop Information. Many of those parents that attended were interested in forming part of a new parenting group held at school. If successful, I will look to run this group again with other parents.

Safeguarding



#NoToDomesticAbuse

One in five children experience domestic abuse in their lives.

If you feel you need help, reach out.

The National Domestic Violence Helpline is available 24 hours a day: **0808 2000 247**

Ms Jordan is also trained to offer support and guidance.

Key Spring Term Dates

YEAR 2 ONLY Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: February 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th all 3-4pm

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February: School closed for half term

Parent Workshop: Assessment – Tuesday 5th March

Class Assemblies: Sycamore: 15th March; Maple: 22nd March; Oak: 29th March; Beech: 5th April

Sharing Afternoon – Monday 25th March

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: March 29th, April 1st, 2nd, 3rd all 3 – 4p.m.

