



Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you

It has been quite a half-term but amongst the challenges, I need to celebrate some people whose stars have shone much brighter than the difficulties we all have faced. Firstly, the children have been exceptional in every way and we are so pleased with their progress during this half-term. I'm sure staff have shared this with you during the parents' sessions but the development of their learning, in their writing particularly, has been amazing. Secondly, the staff have given their all for the children and their families. Whilst facing a range of uncertainties, they have been bright, cheerful, positive and determined to provide the children with the best learning opportunities. Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support. Myself, Mrs Sandberg and the wider staff love chatting to you at the beginning and the end of each day and you have passed on so many positive comments. As well as this, you have supported children with practising class learning at home in reading, spelling and maths. Thank you everyone.

Parents' evenings

Thank you to parents and carers for taking part in the parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We loved sharing the children's successes, what they will be learning next and having a discussion with families. Thank you to those families who have completed the survey on Microsoft Forms which will support the further development of parents' sessions.

Harvest gifts

A great variety of harvest gifts have been donated by our school to the Wath Community Food Bank and will improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable families in our area. Thank you for supporting this collection. The children learned about harvest in collective worship last week. After half-term, we will move on from thinking about the Christian Value of forgiveness to reflect on the next value of peace in collective worship.

Assessment dates

As well as tests we do in school to inform our own judgements of the children's progress, there are a series of national assessments that children in our school will take part in like every child of that age in the country. They are outlined below.

- After half-term, the Year 2 children will do a phonics assessment.
- In May 2022, the Year 2 children will complete assessments in reading, grammar, spelling and punctuation and maths.
- In the week commencing 09.05.22, the Year 6 children will take part in their SATs Assessments.
- In the week commencing 06.06.22, the Year 1 children will complete a phonics assessment.
- Over 3 weeks commencing 06.06.2022 the Year 4 children will complete a multiplication assessment.

Be assured that we try to keep these assessments very normal for the children and as close to how they usually learn as possible.

If you have any questions about the items in this newsletter, please contact me via the school telephone number of 01709 760471 or by emailing school@wce.jmat.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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