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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°2)
13th September 2019
Information in brief:

- Thank you to everyone who came to the 'Meet the teacher' meetings that were held this week. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact them via the school office.
- The clubs and activities letter was sent out this week. All clubs/activities will start the week beginning Monday 16th September 2019. Please note that you will only be contacted if your child does not have a place, due to that particularly club being oversubscribed. Therefore please assume your child has a place at their chosen club. If a club becomes oversubscribed then we will operate a waiting list and you will be notified.
- The first cake sale of the season was held today by children of class LA and MC in aid of Cancer Research organised by Mrs Addison. Thank you to everyone who provided the cakes. An amazing amount was raised – £120! Well done to Isabelle Moore, Sofia Iglesias Cuquejo, Josh Edmunds, Arran Wells, Yazmin Snell, Imogen Evans-Holmes, Summer Hills, Isabella Colbert, Sophie Corke, and Sofia Kinsella.
- Final reminder about key date reminders for the Autumn Term (sent to you in Newsletter 1):
  - Yr5 and Yr6 Residential presentation to parents and carers on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7pm for Yr5 visit to Swanage and 7.45pm for Yr6 visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight.
  - Yr4 visit to Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday 17th September 2019. Thank you to everyone who has paid. If you have yet to pay and give your consent, please can you do so as soon as possible either online or through the school office?
  - Yr3 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium, Portsmouth on Wednesday 18th September 2019. Thank you to everyone who has paid. If you have yet to pay and give your consent, please can you do so as soon as possible either online or through the school office?
  - Coffee morning for our helpers in school on Wednesday 18th September 2019.
  - Yr5 Swimming lessons begin at Hart Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th September 2019 for 10 weeks. Please remember to send your child in with their swimming costume and towel every Wednesday.
  - Class KL Assembly on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 2.45-3.15pm in the hall. Parents, carers and grandparents are very welcome to come along and watch.
  - Yr4 Ufton Court Residential presentation on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7pm in the hall.
- Two other events to flag-up: The annual firework display is Friday 8th November 2019. We had over 2,000 people attend last year and this year something special is planned… more later on. We are also very excited because the circus is booked to come to Guillemont on 30th April 2020 and have 600 seats to sell. We are hopeful that tickets for both events can be purchased on-line.
- Earlier in the week I explained to the children about the importance of attendance. As a school our attendance is expected to be 96% or higher. Unfortunately, the school's overall attendance figure dropped below the national expectation last year. As a result, the school leaders have implemented a number of strategies aimed at improving both attendance and punctuality. One strategy was launched today. Every Friday in assembly every child who has had 100% attendance for that week will put their names in a box for their year group. At the end of each half-term one name from each year group will be drawn. The lucky winner will receive £5 Amazon voucher. It follows that if you have 100% attendance for every week of an eight week half-term, your name will be on eight 'tickets' in the draw box – the more you attend the more tickets you get to put in the box. At the end of every newsletter, I will report the percentage attendance for each class for your information. Congratulations to everyone as our percentage attendance is currently 98.6%!

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- Congratulations to the children that received the Guillemont Award this week. The children received the certificates in the achievement assembly today.
  - Chloe Pilgram SD
  - Lauren Waters SD
  - Max Howells KT
  - May Harris KT
  - Tristyn Gearing MP
  - Daniel Brierley MP
  - Jack Langford AL
  - Emily Wood AL
  - Jay Hopcroft EW
  - Joshua Durbridge EW
  - Hayden Plunkett KL
  - Shereena Majumdar KL
  - Clara Zambo LA
  - Riley Pratt LA
  - Ollie Venning MC
  - Zosia Piwowarczyk MC
  - Jamie Greenwood EK
  - Francesca Curtis EK
  - Kobe Neeve LM
  - Molly Jamieson LM
  - Anna Bushell ZI
  - Lachlan Rae ZI
  - Ethan Mann CW
  - Amelia Cooles CW
  - Joseph Curran DB
  - Sophie Thomson DB

Best wishes

Denis Foster
Headteacher

Class	9th-13th September 2019	
	AM%	PM%
MP	100.0	100.0
LA	100.0	100.0
KT	100.0	100.0
CW	100.0	100.0
AL	100.0	100.0
MC	99.3	99.3
EK	99.3	99.3
KL	99.1	99.1
LM	98.0	98.7
DB	97.4	97.4
SD	97.1	97.1
ZI	95.2	95.2
EW	93.8	93.8
Totals	98.6	98.6