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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It was lovely to see so many of you for our first meet the teacher sessions of the new school year. These interactions are so important in helping us to work collaboratively to support your children in school.

**CEO visit**

A reminder that on Monday 25th September our CEO Sharron Philpot will be visiting the school to talk to the children about our new values and what the values mean to us. This half term our focus is on Unity.



**Unity**  
We know that by working together, we are stronger than working alone. We work together as a family, united in our shared responsibility to achieve our mission.

**Harvest Reminder:**

We will be collecting food for our Harvest celebration on 27th September which will be led by Reverend Ros from St Stephen’s church. All food items will be donated to our local food bank. Please bring any contributions to the school office where there are boxes for collection.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is a one of our key action points for improvement following our recent Ofsted. The national target for attendance is 96%. Unfortunately last year our attendance was 91.4% with many children below 90%. To support the work we are doing in school and ensure that our children achieve all that they are capable of, it is essential that they attend school as much as possible. To this end we will be working with the Independent Education Welfare Service to help us meet the national target.

%	N2	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk 1		56.1	93.2	96.1	92.7	92.5	88.9	96.0
Wk 2	61.4	96.2	94.6	95.7	95.2	95.5	94.6	92.9
Change	61.4	40.1	1.4	1.6	2.5	3.0	4.7	-3.1

Congratulation to Reception for last week for topping the number charts, but also to Y5 for the most improved.



As you will be aware Class Charts is our communication and behaviour system in school. For our new parents if you have not received your login; please contact the school office.

**Exceptional School Closure**

As you will be aware school will open at 12:20pm on Monday October 2nd for Mrs Gould’s funeral. Thank you for your kind words and understanding at this difficult time

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Sugars

**Communication:** If you have an issue or question, please ensure that you follow the school’s communication policy and make contact with your child’s class teacher via Classcharts, telephone or email in the first instance. If you then require additional support, please ask to speak to the **Year Leader**, then a member of SLT.



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## Absences

If your child will not be in school, please call the school office *each* morning of their absence to record it. State their name, class number and the reason for absence.

Please **do not** send absence message via class charts.

**School Time:** Start of the day-main gates open at 8.40am and classroom doors will open at 8,45am. School starts at 8.55am. End of the day– main gates will open at 3.10am. The school day ends at 3,15pm. No-one, including siblings under the age of 16 are allowed to drop off or collect children from school. Thankyou.

**To adhere to our school policy , if your child has sickness or tummy upset, please keep them home for 2 days from the last bout of illness.**

## Medications/Inhalers

Please bring any medications through to the school office. All medications/inhalers need to be in their original box, in date and labelled with the child's name. A pupil medication form will need to be completed at each new term.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th September	Bring in donations for local food bank. All donations by 27.9.23
Tuesday 26th September	Trust Education Welfare Officer in school all day.
Wednesday 27th September	Year 4, 5, 6 meet the teacher session 3.30-4pm
Wednesday 27th September	Year 6 swimming until Wednesday 25th October
Thursday 28th September	Year 3 meet the teacher session 3.30-4pm
Thursday 28th September	Reception audiology visit.
Thursday 28th September	Always club– celebrating the children who always demonstrate our school values.
Thursday 21st September	Magical maths after school club begins– KS1
Friday 22nd September	Magical maths after school club begins–KS2
Monday 2nd May	School opens at 12.30pm for all pupils. Lunch will not be available in school on this day.
Thursday 5th October	Flu Vaccinations begin in school.
Friday 6th October	Year 6 history workshop.

### PE Kit Reminders:

All children should have a PE kit in school on their PE days, if you are unsure when these are please check with your child's class teacher. The PE kit expectations are as follows:

- Plain white t-shirt / Plain black shorts / Black PE pumps or plain black/white trainers / Grey tracksuit (for winter)

We ask that on PE days all jewellery is removed at home before coming into school. If this is not possible, and the child cannot remove the items independently then piercings will be covered with tape for safety, and any bracelets that are worn for religious reasons will be covered with a sweatband.

Children will be given spare kit where possible if they have not got access to their own, to ensure full participation in the PE curriculum.

