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Dear parent/carer,

We have been working on streaming our school communication systems in school and have launched a new way of working this week. All messages that go out are now going through me first, to try and ensure that you are not receiving so many messages daily. Hopefully this will make a difference to you.

We have thank-you cards in school for students to complete and give to staff next week, and a post box near reception they can put them in if they want them to be delivered. It is to show appreciation for any help or support they have had in this first half term. Please encourage your child to complete some.

We are in the process of setting up a new section of our website which will be information about trips and visits. It will highlight what big trips we have coming up over the next few years and will also give dates and details about the rewards trips for the current year, and any other trips that are upcoming in the current year. Once it is up and live, we will send the link out to you, so you are able to view this information. We are hoping that this will help with budgeting and planning for families.

Attached with this letter is a copy of our new Personal development Newsletter – we hope that you find this informative in terms of all the opportunities that are available for your child in school.

Please remember that if your child has forgotten something for school, can you arrange t o drop it off to them at break or lunchtime. Our office space is started to become very cluttered, and the admin staff do not have time to take items to students around school. We appreciate your help with this.

Attendance this week is back up to 91% and is 92.6% for the year to date, we really need to push hard up until Christmas to get that figure closer to 93% in the first instance. It is great to see the improvement from last week, but I do think we can do even better.

We also wanted to make you aware that there is a social media threat this weekend. If you haven't heard, Hamas have warned parents that children should not be using social media this weekend, as unless the Israeli government agree to their demands, they will be broadcasting violent footage of hostages over many platforms. We're urging parents to be aware of this – please consider deleting or blocking social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, YouTube etc from their devices for the weekend, to avoid them seeing something that could be very traumatic.

Best wishes and take care,

E Mills

Emma Mills

Dates for diary School Closes Friday 20 October for half term and reopens Monday 6 November please note this is week B Tuesday 7 November 2023 Wear Pink for Peace Day in school