

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you for all of your support over this first half term. It has been a busy but brilliant start to the academic year.

I wanted to remind you that we have a non-uniform day in the first week back, Tuesday 7 November, which is Brianna's birthday. It will be Wear Pink for Peace, and we are asking for a donation of one pound for this towards the Peace in Mind campaign.

We have ended the half term with some fun House challenges, including the Mummy Wrapping competitions – it has been great to see so many students getting involved. The deadline for Inktober is after the holiday and then after that it will be the Design a Christmas Card challenge.

We have had students out visiting local care homes this week and really getting involved with our local community, including helping out after school at Locking Stumps Primary with sporting clubs. We are so proud to be part of the wider Birchwood community.

Attendance this week has been lower than we need it to be at 90% - we will be having a really big push on attendance after the holidays.

Please ensure that your child replenishes their pencil case over the holidays – we want to see them all with correct uniform and equipment on the first day back.

We hope all of our students have a lovely break and keep safe. We are really looking forward to half term 2 and all of the exciting events that we have planned for then.

Best wishes and take care,



Emma Mills  
Headteacher