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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to update you on some of the excellent learning which has taken place in school, arrangements for parents' evening in the Autumn Term and attendance.

Learning in school

There have been some very exciting learning opportunities which have taken place in school over the last few days. In Year 4, the children have enjoyed a day learning about autumn in practical ways and being creative with a variety of art and poetry activities. The children were rightly very excited before, during and after the day had taken place and I'm sure you will enjoy the photographs on the Year 4 class story. Thank you to Mrs Bramall who planned this opportunity for the children.

As well as this, our Exhibition of Excellence is displayed in the school hall. I will post pictures on the school story and Twitter today. It is wonderful to see excellence displayed from F1 to Year 6 in frames. It is even more pleasing that this celebrates children's learning in a wide range of subjects.

Next week, a child from each class from Y1 to Y6 nominated by their class teacher for the interest they have shown in reading in class or at home, will be able to choose a book to read at home for a month from my Headteacher Recommends library. I am so excited to see what the children choose!

Parents' Evening Arrangements

Parents' evening in the Autumn Term will take place by telephone. The table below shows which evenings the telephone calls for your child's class will take place on and between 3.30pm and 6pm. Foundation parents' evening will take place a few weeks later so the staff will have had longer to get to know our youngest children as people and as learners.

Date	Classes
02.11.20 & 03.11.20	Y6B, Y6RP & Y5WP
04.11.20 & 05.11.20	Y5S, Y4H & Y4TB
09.11.20 & 10.11.20	Y3L, Y3T & Y2G
11.11.20 & 12.11.20	Y2R, Y1A & Y1H

To make the process as efficient as possible, we would like you to specify which night you would like to be allocated and whether you would like the teacher to telephone before 4.50pm or after 4.50pm. **To do this, write the date and time block preference in your child's reading diary**, sending this into school from 13.10.20. Please don't do this through any other means such as Class Dojo otherwise it could be missed. Class teachers will try to accommodate all requests and the school office will text out to families the allocated time blocks from 19.10.20. On the night of your child's parents' evening, your child's class teacher will try to telephone you within that allocated time period for a conversation of 10 minutes as it would be in a face-to-face meeting. The meetings will cover the same aspects as a normal meeting at this time, celebrating the children's achievements as people and learners and their next steps of learning.

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Playtime snacks

A snack at playtime is very important for many of our children to get an energy boost. Our children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are offered a different fruit each day through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. If you are sending your child with a snack, please make sure it is fruit or rice cakes.

Attendance

We are living through very unusual, unique and challenging times but we will eventually look back on this period rather than be living through it. Over the last few years, we have rewarded good and improved individual and class attendance in a number of ways. This has to be done carefully in the times we are currently living through as we want families to observe periods of isolation which are in place to protect us all. As a result of this, Covid related absence is not included in attendance figures and so will not impact on the rewards a class may enjoy as a result of high attendance for a particular week.

Parking

Please be considerate of other members of the school community in how you drop-off and park around the school site. Try to park your car tight to the kerb so that other cars can pass easily or if it is a larger car, try to park on Norton Road where there is generally more space. Please don't stop in the middle of the road to drop-off your child as this means the traffic behind you will back up at busy times, meaning that it is harder for other parents and family members to park their car and drop-off their children. Not everyone will be able to walk, but if you are able to walk then please do this.

If you have any questions about the items in this newsletter, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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