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## Weekly Newsletter – Edition 3

What a busy week it has been with literally millions of exciting things happening! There have been so many highlights for me this week, but you will not be surprised to hear me say that the one that remains in my mind the most is all of the amazing costumes the children put together for the International Day of Languages (IDOL) on Thursday. They looked brilliant, ranging from an actual pizza, through all manner of princesses in traditional costume, a hand-made Afghani dress, so many Marios, and a particularly scary Cossack! Thank you for taking part, and making this special day in school such a success.

## Our New School – Information Event

On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, we will be hosting an Information Event about our new school building, which is currently being constructed on the Ethel Road Playing Fields. Please come along, and if you have any questions, either myself or members of the design team will be delighted to answer them. Plans will also be available, and this should give you a real feel for what we are hoping to create. The key information is as follows:

- Date: **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**
- Time: **16.30-19.30**
- Venue: **Mayflower Methodist Church, Evington Drive**

The format of the meeting will be a drop-in session. We will not be making a formal presentation so please feel free to come by anytime. We shall very much look forward to seeing you there, alongside all other members of the local community that have been warmly invited.

## Parking in the Church Car Park

I know you are all grateful that there is only one drop-off and collection destination, this being the main school site. This has made your lives much easier, although for staff to attend every morning and evening for bus duty is incredibly challenging. One issue that we have noticed is that now parking restrictions are in place on Evington Drive, some parents have taken to parking in the church car-park. This creates new difficulties, but the main one relates to the safety of our children. Mr. Variava, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, manages all crossings from the entrance to the car-park. If cars are trying to get in, or out, this could become a danger to the children. I have also noticed that the parking on Ethel Road is beginning to deteriorate again, with cars being parked on the zig-zag lines, and also blocking the emergency entrance to the school. Luckily, there have been no accidents, and I really want to ensure that this can be maintained. We do know that drop-off and collection is difficult, but the safety of our children is the most important thing of all. As always, I thank you for your help and support as these very pressing matters are addressed.

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## Parents' Evening – Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

As mentioned in previous editions of the weekly school newsletter, parents' evenings will take place from **09.10.23-12.10.23**. On **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**, the portal will open and this will allow you to book your appointment online. As we still remain a split-site school, Miss Mckenley-Ballantyne and I will divide our time across the 2-sites, and if you wish to see us, please feel free to do so. Mrs. Ashcroft, our SENDCo will also be available. Please contact me direct if this service would be of use to you.

### Forest Schools

After the October half-term, we will be ready to begin our Forest Schools provision once again. This will primarily be for the children in Year 5, and further details will be published in due course. On the day in question, the year group will be split into 4-groups, allowing all children to benefit from this wonderful way of teaching in a natural woodland environment. Very exciting times indeed and my thanks to Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Smart for organising!!

### Attendance

This week, I am very excited to report that we have had one class with a 100% attendance record!! Very well done to the children from 6CW – an impressive outcome indeed. Attendance awards this week are as follows:

Week Beginning Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Chestnut: 95.2%	1KM: 99.3%	4CR: 97.4%	CW: 100%

At school, we know that every lesson matters, and your help and support towards outstanding rates of attendance overall is always appreciated. I wonder what the scores will be next week....

### Harvest in Year 2

A very exciting week for our children in Year 2 as they visited the Methodist Church to see how the Harvest is celebrated. We are always impressed with this annual celebration, and also the charitable intent of the parishioners as they seek to support those members of the community who may be challenged at this time of year. I have attached some pictures on the final page of this newsletter.

### And Finally....

Numbers are beginning to creep up for the Year 6 residential to Beaumanor Hall. All of the children are eligible to attend, and as a school, we will work hard and in partnership with you to overcome any barriers to your child wanting to take part. I cannot wait to get there!!!!

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## Wow Moments in School

Here is a small selection of some of the amazing things that have been happening in school this week:

			
Harvest in Y2	Harvest in Y2	IDOL in Y3	Pic Collage in Y3
			
Limbo – Y4	Hola Hawaii!!	The Leaning Tower	Qatar – Y5
			
Troll hunting – Y6	Wax Batik – Y6	France – Y1	France – Y1

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