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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your ongoing support this term. It has been a great start to the academic year. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of our headlines so far.

### Harvest Festival

Your kind and generous Harvest donations were very much appreciated by the Sheffield Cathedral Project team who came to collect all the items on Friday 22nd October. Our Harvest assemblies were a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed performing our festival for you. The links are still available until Monday 25th October.



### Music Lessons

At the moment the children in Y2, Y4 and Y6 are having professional music lessons each week. Emma, our music teacher, has been extremely impressed with all the children and the progress they are making is fantastic. We can certainly hear the improvements each Thursday and during our Harvest celebrations.



### Parental Questionnaire

We would like to say thank you to all the 75 parents/carers who have taken time to respond and complete the school questionnaire. We welcome your feedback and continue to take into consideration your comments and suggestions. In the few incidents where queries or concerns were raised, senior leaders will contact parents to clarify and address.

From the survey, the following was said:

- All parents would recommend our school to another parent
- 94.7% of parents reported their children are happy at school
- 96% of parents reported their children feel safe at school
- 97.3% of parents feel like their child does well at school
- 94.7% of parents feel like they are made aware of what their child will learn during the year



Our next steps are ensuring that we continue to promote the children's wider personal development by encouraging pupils to engage with a variety of opportunities to widen their experiences and develop them as individuals.

Across school, children have had the opportunity to apply to be a member of a series of pupil voice teams as a chance to suggest ideas on how we can improve our school and its environment. These teams are:

- Eco Warriors
- School Council
- Wellbeing Champions
- Reading Ambassadors
- Peer Mediators
- Sports Committee
- Anti-Bullying Advisors

Throughout the year, we hope to share all the activities and initiatives that each group is discussing and organising via our school website so that you can all celebrate each group's success. We know the children are looking forward to sharing their ideas and working collaboratively with other children to make a difference.

We are also pleased to be running a range of after school clubs again and many of our parents recognised this. However, we are always on the lookout for new and varied clubs and welcome any suggestions. As part of the Pupil Voice, our Sports' Committee will be making and sharing some suggestions.

### **Christmas**

We are beginning to plan our Christmas celebrations in the upcoming weeks. Please can families ensure they have completed any outstanding permissions as soon as possible. If you have any questions about these, please get in touch.

### **School Educational Visits**

School is beginning to book visits for later on in the year. Again, adults available for visits are reduced as we can only use our own staff currently because of the pandemic. Advice from the LA is to maintain our virtual protocols. Please be aware that all educational visits are subject to the current guidelines and therefore we may need to cancel or amend visits at short notice if this changes.

### **Advice from public health**

As transmission rates increase the advice is to continue to be vigilant. We are continuing with the procedures we already have in place by ensuring we wash our hands thoroughly and frequently throughout the day and all rooms in school are well ventilated whilst maintaining a comfortable learning environment. All staff will continue to wear a face covering when speaking with parents and carers and we still advise that when on school grounds, you also continue to wear face coverings as added protection.



We would like to remind all parents and carers that if either yourselves or your child have one of the symptoms of COVID-19, then please do not come into school, inform us as soon as possible and make sure you follow the current public health advice.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely half term holiday and we will see you all Tuesday 2nd November!

Keep safe and enjoy your half term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Travers, Mrs Steel and Miss Latham  
Senior Leaders

