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Weekly Update

Resilience

This week in assembly we have been thinking about resilience and self-belief. The children loved the story Mabel and the Mountain. Mabel is a fly who has big plans and wants to climb a mountain, along the way Mabel encounters many challenges and wants to give up. Mabel does not give up and instead she listens to a little voice inside telling her to keep going. The children cheered with delight when Mabel climbed the mountain.

We have challenged the children to be more Mabel and would like parents to look out for ways the children have demonstrated resilience. Please send the #BeMoreMabel slips back to school next

week. We hope to display these in school and on social media to celebrate how resilient our children are and encourage others to believe in themselves if they don't already.

Attendance

One key area we are focusing on this academic year is school attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's educational development and success. It helps them build a strong foundation for learning and fosters social skills, confidence, and a sense of belonging. Our current whole school attendance rate is 93%, which is lower than we would like it to be. We aim to improve this to ensure all our pupils have the best possible learning opportunities and experiences.

Why Attendance Matters:

Academic Success: Regular attendance helps children keep up with daily lessons and activities ensuring they don't fall behind.

Social Interaction: Being at school every day allows children to develop friendships and social skills.

Routine: Consistent attendance fosters a sense of routine that is essential to prepare children for adult life.

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the school office.

If you are facing challenges that make it difficult for your child to attend school regularly, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you and your child, and we can work together to find solutions.

Reminders

- We have recently been made aware of incidents between parents where parents have used inappropriate, aggressive and offensive language that children have heard. This is not acceptable. It is important we treat each other with respect and behave as good role models to the children. Please be aware that any incidents on the school site or close to the school could result in parents being banned from entering the school site.
- Please make sure all items of school uniform are named including coats, hats and gloves.
- Football games are not permitted on the playground in the morning before the bell rings.
- Please can we ask that children do not use the bikes and scooters in the Reception playground in the morning.
- Please can we make sure children have their PE kit in school so we can use this for our indoor PE sessions.

Important Dates

Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day – more information to follow	
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents Evenings	
and Thursday 13 th		
February		
Friday 14 th February	Coffee Morning for parents and carers	
	End of term	

Class assemblies

Wednesday 22 nd January	Owls
Friday 5 th February	Ladybirds
Friday 12 th February	Dragonflies
Wednesday 5 th March	Butterflies
Wednesday 12 th March	Bumblebees