**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 13th September 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great week in school. The children are well and truly settled into their new class routines and they have been getting stuck into the curriculum. Lots of children have been to visit us with their fantastic work this week – what a great start!

This morning we held our first achievement assembly of the year where we celebrated our stars for the week, which have been awarded for resilience, taking on new challenges, for being ready to learn and for care and respect towards others. Well done everyone.

**Asda Cashpot**

We’ve got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn’t stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

*It’s as easy as 1,2,3*

*1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)*

*2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode*

*3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop*

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. We are aiming to spend our donations on new large, fixed play equipment for our playgrounds.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won’t lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

**Earrings**

Just a reminder that earrings should not be worn on PE days. If children do wear them, they must be able to remove the earrings themselves for PE lessons. Staff members will not remove earrings. If children are unable to remove them, then they will not be able to take part in their PE lessons. Thank you for your continued support with this health and safety matter.

**Sponsored Bounce**

Our wonderful PTA have arranged a sponsored bounce, which will take place on Friday 27th September. The aim of the event is to raise as much money as possible for our PTA, which is working towards replacing the large, fixed play equipment on both playgrounds, which is now looking very old and tired.

We will have two bouncy castles in school on the day and children from all year groups will have the opportunity to complete a timed bounce session. Children will be bringing home their sponsor forms on Monday 16th September and they can ask friends and members of their family to sponsor them to bounce. All donations, no matter how big or small, will be gratefully received.

**Attendance**

Today you will have received an email with information about changes to the laws and protocols around absence during term time. Please read the information carefully as the Government has made some significant changes, including the increase in the cost of fixed penalty notices and the action schools must take in relation to any unauthorized absence. Please note that all schools are required follow this government policy and we do not benefit financially when fines are issued.

Please can parents use the ‘Request for term time leave’ form which is available on our website, or the school office, when requesting leave. May we also remind parents of the importance of contacting school before the start of the school day to inform us of any absence.

This week we kick-started our class attendance competition by asking children to vote for a new reward to be added to our wheel of fortune. During our Smart School Council meetings on Wednesday children in all classes discussed the choices given, and the over-whelming majority then voted to introduce a class disco reward. This prize will be added to the wheel next week.

Each half term we will be asking children to vote for new prizes to keep them motivated!

This week congratulations go to Year 2 who won the competition with 99% attendance. They spun the wheel of fortune during assembly and were rewarded with a sweet treat this afternoon. Well done to all classes for a super start to the year.

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 94%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 90%

Whole school attendance is 95%... let’s see if we can keep this up!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy