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Dear Parents and Carers

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY...

The forecast suggests we are in for a very wet 2 weeks ahead. Please ensure children have appropriate clothing to protect them. Whilst children do not like wet play, we can only sensibly venture out when the rain subsides, and it isn't 'too bad' – but coats are essential, as well as sensible black footwear. Thank you for your support.

Staffing News

This week, we say farewell to **Mrs Sian Tucker**, one of our wonderful Nursery Practitioners. Sian has been with us for just over a year and is leaving for family reasons. Thank you, Sian, for all your care and support of our young members of our Nursery. **We are currently trying to recruit new Level 3 Nursery Practitioners – it is advertised on Indeed, TES and on our Facebook page if you know anyone qualified and interested.**

Please call the office if your child is going to be absent

Please call the office before 8.30am to report an absence. Even easier, use your **MCAS** app. Please specify the reason for absence & the class they are in, not just unwell. Thank you.

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform, with plain black shoes / trainers. For PE, **plain white t-shirt** and black shorts / tracksuit bottoms. Only the jumper / cardigan must have the logo. Our website is very informative if you are in any doubt. Thank you.

Non-Uniform Day Expectations

Parents / carers, please only allow your child/ren to wear appropriate clothing and footwear during non-uniform days. **Please do not allow your child** to wear tops baring midriffs, 'short' shorts, pyjamas, wheelies footwear and other inappropriate footwear. If this continues, non-uniform days will stop.

Parent Survey – Feedback

Thank you again for your comments and contributions in November's Parent Survey. Overall, it was very positive, and we are proud of our provision, as well as the excellent response rate – thank you! There were 2 aspects which need to be explained and considered moving forwards:

✓ **Communication.**

- Whilst **most parents appreciate our good communication**, some parents felt there was too much communication, especially with the range of platforms we use (Newsletters, Dojo and MCAS). We will consider how to improve this – evidently, it is challenging to achieve a happy medium.

✓ **Trips, events and experiences.**

- Some **parents would like school to provide more trips and experiences**. We arrange excellent learning experiences for children to enhance their learning (Farm Trips, Castle Visits, Zoo trips, Rural trips, Year 6 Residential) and these are generally well supported by parents. We are always mindful of travel costs, which has greatly increased.



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- As a perfect example, the Whitebeam & Beech trip to Caerleon Castle will cost **£3.20 per child** for entry, yet we are having to charge **£13.20 to cover transport cost!** In these challenging financial times, we try to ensure we don't over stretch more than we currently do.
- **However, we are in the process of launching The Huish Pledge** – an initiative designed by Headteachers across our Trust Schools to offer a range of experiences children can enjoy in addition to the current provision, with minimal / no cost to parents. More details in due course.

Parent Evenings – Wednesday & Thursday Thank you for your support!

Thank you for all who attended – you are in the best position to support your child. Overall, feedback from teachers was positive and thank you to those who help ensure their home reading, TTRockstars, EdShed etc is completed each week to give your child/ren the best chance of progression....and set them up for their next steps.

49 children haven't had their parent meeting – yet! We appreciate the weather was awful, but it is vital for children's' development. Please contact your child's class teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Ash Class – Reception – 3
Willow Class – Year 1– 6
Cherry Class – Year 1/2 – 6
Holly Class – Year 2 - 4
Whitebeam – Year 3 - 5

Beech – Year 3/4 – 5
Silver Birch – Year 4/5 – 4
Rowan – Year 5 – 9
Red Oak – Year 6 – 7
TOTAL = 49 children

All parents are given the opportunity to be informed of their child's progress – children love their parents speaking with their teacher so they can share how they are doing, and how they can further support them at home.

PTFA – Needs Your Support

Thank you! We've had several who have expressed their interest, but more PTFA members are needed! Without more help, we will struggle to hold events – which will be a shame. The PTFA help fund so many things – technology, play equipment, trip subsidy, gifts, prizes...the list goes on.

Hope you have a lovely weekend, even though the rain won't stop, and thank you for your continued support.

Nick Arnold