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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week in school which concluded with a visit from our Academy Improvement Partner, this is an external consultant that all schools use to support their school improvement plans and an opportunity for us to review our progress since the last Ofsted inspection. I am sure that some children will have talked to you about a 'special visitor' in school. Ofsted seems like a whole lifetime ago, considering the events of the last 18 months, but that's not to say that we have not made progress since that visit and staff have worked continuously, on top of everything else, to continue to improve our practice.

### Reading Live Event

The Literacy team and I plan to deliver a Microsoft Live event on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm** to talk to you about some of the most recent changes to our reading curriculum and to suggest some ideas of the ways in which you can support the children's reading at home. I hope you will either be able to attend this live event or watch the recording at a different time. A link will be sent to you early next week.

### Entry and Exit into school

I think that things are beginning to run more smoothly in the morning and at the end of the day, although it does still worry me a little that we have a lot of parents and children on the pavements outside of school. We have tried, towards the end of this week, to open the gates a little earlier in the morning (8.30am) to get people on to the site and request that you try to wait in the designated areas suggested below.

| Year group | Waiting area                                  | Entry time                 | Exit time    |
|------------|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| Reception  | Left hand side of KS1 playground              | 8.50                       | 3.20         |
| Year 1     | In front of gate C or in front of Year 4 door | 8.50                       | 3.20         |
| Year 2     | Go straight in at designated time             | 8.40                       | 3.10         |
| Year 3     | Right hand side of KS1 playground             | 8.40<br>Y3H<br>8.45<br>Y3M | 3.10<br>3.15 |
| Year 4     | In front of gate C or in front of Year 4 door | 8.40<br>Y4M<br>8.45<br>Y4C | 3.10<br>3.15 |
| Year 5     | Adjacent to the school car park               | 8.45                       | 3.15         |
| Year 6     | Go straight in at designated time             | 8.40                       | 3.10         |

### **Election results!**

This week we have had the hustings for Head boy and Head girl and I know that Mrs Yarnold and Mr Higgins were very impressed with the speeches that the candidates prepared. I was also impressed by the number of children willing to put themselves forward for this. Unfortunately, we can only have one Head boy and one Head girl, but I do hope that this will not deter the unsuccessful candidates from putting themselves forward for other roles e.g house captains or school council. I am pleased to announce that our new Head girl is Chloe Norton and our new Head boy is Olly Kitchingman.

Finally, as always have a lovely weekend and enjoy the remainder of the 'summer good weather' as we are already beginning to see the early signs of autumn.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson  
Headteacher