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Dear Parents/Carers,

Executive Principal: Miss JK Tomlinson

As we come to the end of our first half term this school year, I thank you for your continued support of the school and in particular for your patience and understanding as we continue to work under restrictions due to the pandemic. There are still things that we are not allowed to do and like you, we are frustrated that this continues to be the case.

Remembrance

Starting from the first week back we will be selling poppies in school. The children will be able to purchase these in exchange for a donation-no matter how small. We will be marking Remembrance Day in school by creating a poppy display in our new garden area and require your help in making this happen. We are collecting the bottom of plastic pop and water bottles-if you look at the bottom you will see that some of them look like a flower. We would be very grateful if you could send these in with your child, but ask that you could cut them off first as they are a little tricky for children to do. Every child in school will then be painting these and we will display them artistically-watch this space and social media for the outcome! Think the Tower of London on a bit smaller scale!

Attendance

I know that some parents were a little perturbed that we are rewarding children for their attendance when clearly this is often something that is outside of their control. In response to this and in order to make this a little fairer we have decided to reset the attendance marker each half term-this should then mean that even if your child does miss a couple of days with a cold or tummy bug they are still eligible to receive the award in another half term. The idea is to celebrate the attendance and NOT to punish the non-attendance. This has been shared with the children and they all appeared to be happy to celebrate the achievements of their peers.

I would also add that this is only one reward that we do in school and there are lots of opportunities on a weekly basis for children to receive an award. Some of these awards are individual and some of them are class rewards and these are in addition to rewards that children receive in class on a daily basis.

Hot Chocolate with the Head (and the Deputies)

You may have seen this feature in the Accord newsletter and on Facebook this week, this was the surprise reward for the children who received our first PRIDE awards last week. Every week in school we celebrate our PRIDE words- a set of attributes that we want our children to display in order to help them learn. These words are perseverance, risk taking, independence, determination and enthusiasm. The children who won the award demonstrate all of these words on a regular basis and we are proud to recognise their efforts.

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely half term and even if the weather begins to get a little colder, lets hope that it at least stays dry. I look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 1st November**.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson
Headteacher