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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

What a lovely week it has been. Thank you for introducing yourselves to me over the last week at the door in the mornings. It is really helpful to match parents to children but the real challenge is learning everyone's names. Please bear with me and hopefully very soon, I will have cracked the code!

This week we have been reviewing how we show considerate behaviour in the classroom and in the outdoor environment. The children have explored various strategies to show how they respond to adults across the school and how their positive behaviour affects the way they learn.

Today in our assembly, the children focused on our school value of Compassion but also thought of the meaning of the word "respect". Exploring different ways of demonstrating compassion in their learning environment was a very powerful discussion and, over the next few weeks and months, all the staff and children will be focusing on how we can make a real difference to our learning environment.

Yr 2 were very excited today to restart Forest School. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to increase their self-belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication, problem-solving skills and contribute to their overall emotional well-being. We are very fortunate to have such lovely surroundings that enable the children to maximise their learning potential. Please can I remind everyone to make sure that the children are appropriately dressed and have appropriate clothing for the outdoor tasks.

Please note some additional dates in the box below – the full list of dates for this term have now been emailed to you separately. We are looking forward to Badgers' and Foxes' assemblies over the next few weeks and inviting parents to the classroom to see what the children have been up to in their work. As a foretaste, class teachers have prepared some information for the website so that you can see what your children have been doing this week. Don't forget to have a peep. You might find out things that your children haven't told you about!

Finally, with regard to upcoming events, a quick note regarding our Parents' Forum on 24 January. You are all very welcome to attend and it is intended that the evening will be an opportunity for you to raise any questions or concerns you may have and, to this end, reply slips will be coming home next week for you to complete and return.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy weekend.

Best wishes
Gillian Morris

Dates Box:

Mon, 15 Jan	Closing date for applications for Yr R and Yr 3 admissions for Sept 2018	
Wed, 24 Jan	7.45pm	Parents' Forum – further details to follow
Tues, 6 Feb	2.30pm	Fox Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall
Wed, 7 Feb	2.30pm	Badger Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall
Fri, 9 Feb	3.00pm	End of half-term – school finishes at normal time, ie, 3.00pm
w/c Mon, 12 Feb	Half-term	
Mon, 19 Feb	8.30am	First day of 2nd ½ of Spring Term