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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Welcome back!

It has been a really lovely calm start to the new academic year, with children settling into their classes really well. They have been working together to write class charters, thinking about what makes a good learning environment and what guidelines need to be in place to achieve this.

We started the year looking at that super verse, Matthew 16:15, "*But what about you? Who do you say I am?*". We discussed Peter's response to Jesus and then asked the question, "Who are YOU?". The children were wonderful! They thought about the sort of learners they were and could be, and what sort of children they were and could be. A Yr 2 child shared that she was a "friend of Jesus". We all decided that we could work hard to put our school values into action and would endeavour to have "Enquiring Minds & Open Hearts".

This leads me to our INSET Day. On Monday the staff had a wonderful day working together on our long-term planning and ensuring all our topics were underpinned by one over-arching question. The children can discuss this question at the start and continue to return to it, seeing how much they are learning and finding out.

We now are ready to go with our Hedgehog Club (wrap-around care) from Thursday. Please do consider if this is something you could make use of - even if it is simply once a week. I will be introducing Emma, who will be running Hedgehog Club, to the children next week. We are all very excited.

I am holding a meeting next Wednesday, 13 September at 2.30pm for parent helpers. I would be absolutely delighted if you could come along to this meeting if you have previously been helping at school, if you are keen to help or even if you just fancy finding out a little bit more. We value so much all that parents bring to school, constantly coming up with great ideas and supporting us to help provide a really exciting school day. Please do come and join us at this meeting if at all possible.

Finally we are so pleased with our beautiful new library. Huge thanks to you all for your generous support with this. A very special "thank you" to all those who worked so hard on Tuesday afternoon (and evening!) getting it ready for our children on Wednesday - especially to Jo and Karen, all the teaching staff and TAs, Mark, Marion's husband, Peter Luckham and the wonderful Mark Newman. With pegs now situated in the undercover area, please do not worry about cold/damp coats. If this becomes an issue, we will, of course, bring them in. There is still much more to do before the library is fully functioning, but we have made a great start! As always, **please** come and talk to me if you have any ideas or concerns - nothing is ever too small. I love hearing from you.

With all good wishes for a happy weekend.

Ginnie

Dates Box:

Wed, 13 Sept	2.30pm	Volunteer Helpers meeting - school hall
Thurs, 14 Sept	2.30pm	Yr 2 "Meet the teacher" meeting - school hall
Thurs, 21 Sept	2.00pm	PTA Meeting - school hall - all welcome!
Fri, 22 Sept		"Jeans for Genes" Day
Tues, 26 Sept		Open Day for prospective parents
Wed, 4 Oct	2.15pm	Yr R Literacy Meeting - school hall
Fri, 6 Oct	evening	PTA Quiz & Curry Night