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**View from the Top**

What a great start we have made to the new Academic Year. The children have really settled well and there is a happy buzz around the school. The children are all looking smart in the uniforms and school PE Kits -- thank you for your support with this. Lots of learning is underway and the children are talking enthusiastically about their projects. We have been spending time in assemblies thinking about our Ethos Values and how we can see and demonstrate these across the school. I have seen lots of examples of respect, responsibility and harmony in action this week – well done everyone! We have made some changes to our Behaviour Policy for the forthcoming year, including increasing the opportunities for rewards for the children. We have introduced a class reward, designed to encourage the class to work together towards a common goal, special award stickers from the headteacher to celebrate examples of fabulous work and the ethos values in action, I am also increasing the number of Headteacher Tea Parties this year. This is in response to feedback from the children who said they would like to have more chances to get an invite (not just because I like cake!). Already, the children are responding positively and the class rewards are well on their way to being earned!

**Trips and Visits**

We are busy planning our trips, visits and visitors programme and would real welcome some feedback from you. Please complete our short survey by following this link <https://forms.office.com/r/AAyQza511b> Look out for an email containing the link which will take you directly to the survey – thanks in advance for your help with this!

**Ethos Values** – We have a set of six ethos values which underpin all the behaviour amongst children and adults alike, across the school. The ethos values apply as well, to parents and other visitors to the school. Please do talk to your child about the ethos values.

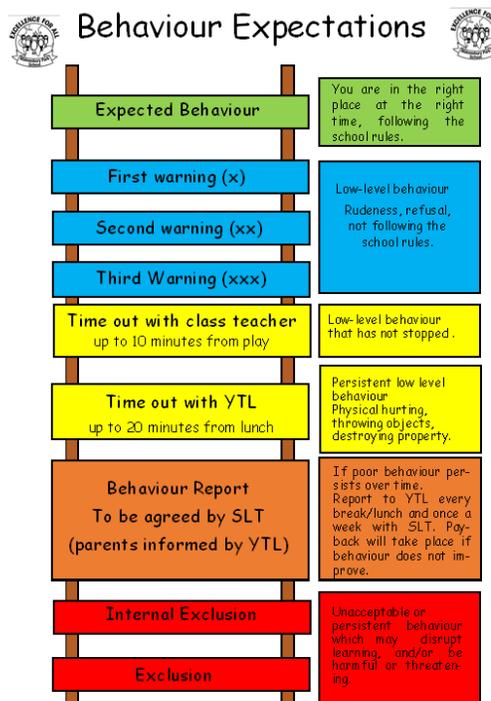


If you have a question or problem you need help with, please call the office and arrange to speak to your child's class teacher or Year Team Leader.

**Behaviour Management in School**

As a school we receive many compliments about the behaviour of the children as a result of having a clear set of ethos values and expectations. Our central belief is that the behaviour of the children is their choice. We understand that at some point, all children will 'test' out the boundaries we put

in place through our expectations. The children have plenty of opportunities to be rewarded for their good behaviour choices, however, we do have consequences when things do not go so well. We have taken feedback from staff and children and revamped our Behaviour Expectations for this year. We have turned the ladder upside down so we all start at the top in the green zone (this is where we want to stay!). The ladder has been shared with the children in class and in assemblies so we are all clear about the expectaitons.



**Curriculum News**

We have been very busy learning lots of exciting new things over the last two weeks. Caterpillars have been enjoying their first sessions in Nursery and have been busy creating displays, working together and playing outside. Bees, Dragonflies and Ladybirds have been enjoying their Getting To Know You project and settling into their class, routines and school life. It is great to see so many of them confidently walking into school on their own in the morning. Years 1 – 6 are completing their first projects of the year. We have been excited to see so much Science taking place in school and hearing the children talking so enthusiastically about their learning and the experiments they have been carrying out. Children in Year 1 have been finding out about the everyday materials we use whilst Year 3 have been discovering all the bones that make up our skeleton. In Year 4 the children have been experimenting to find out the different effects caused by the things we eat and drink on our teeth and finding out all about how our digestive system works! Year 5 have been lost in space, finding out about the earth and the universe whilst Year 6 have been discovering what colour light is and how our eyes work. Year 2 have been learning about chronology in their history project – Kings and Queens – and finding out about the many monarchs who have ruled our country. Please do speak to your children about their new projects and their learning.



### **Message from Caterpillars Class**

All the Nursery staff have been really impressed with how well the children have come into Nursery and have settled. They have already been making friends, exploring the setting and following our routines. This week they have also had the opportunity to go into the hall for PE, visit the woodland and the library bus. We are all very proud of you!

### **Exciting News**

We are filming for our new website video on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. It would be really helpful if you could ensure your child is wearing their correct uniform and/or school PE kit. Filming will take place across the school throughout the day. If you do not wish your child to be in the video, please email the office by the end of day on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**Year Team Leaders** – Each year group has a designated Year Team Leader who is the senior teacher in that year group. They are an important part of our management team within the school and are able to support parents with many queries, concerns or worries if the class teacher is not available. If you have a question or problem you need help with, they do try to be available at the end of each day. You can catch them either on the playground or by phoning the school office to arrange an appointment.

The Year Team Leaders are:

- FS1 – Mrs. Hayes
- FS2 – Mr. Goodman
- Y1 – Mrs. O'Connor
- Y2 – Mr. Fletcher
- Y3 – Mrs. Gaunt
- Y4 – Mr. Barnett
- Y5 – Mrs. Underhill
- Y6 – Miss. Scholl

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be having our Harvest Festival assembly on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September with a guest speaker from **Hope for Food**. This is a local charity that helps to support families with essential food packages. Over the last 3-4 years, Hope for Food have been offering their invaluable support to a number of our families. We would like to donate our Harvest Festival collection to Hope for Food so they can continue their fantastic work. If you can, please help us by bringing in an item from the Wishlist below. Thank you.

**Tinned foods such as:- Potatoes – Carrots – Peas – Sweetcorn – Tomatoes – Fruit – Rice Pudding – Soup – Meat – Tuna**

**Packet foods such as :- Cereal – Tea – Sweet biscuits - Savoury biscuits/crisps – Instant rice/pasta/noodles**

**Other items such as:- Pasta sauce – Curry sauce – Ketchup – Mayonnaise – Jam/Marmalade**

**Census Day** – You may not be aware but each term the Department for Education do a census for every school. The census is used to inform and establish what our budget will be. One of the measures they collect, is how many children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 take up the hot free school meal. This data is then used to give us money, however, we are not getting as much money as we could as not enough children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are having the free school meal.

We would like to ask that all parents in FS2, Y1 and Y2 book for their child to have a free school meal on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – if all families did this the school would receive

approximately **£20,000** in additional funding. This additional funding would make a real difference to us.

- In order to book a meal for your child, simply log into your Forerunner account and choose a meal for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. There will be no charge for this and it will benefit the school and the children immensely. There will be an extra surprise for all children having a hot school lunch on this day. If you have any problems, please call into the office. We will also send home paper reply slips nearer the time.



### **No Nut School**

We are a strict no nut school in order to ensure the well-being of all our children as we have several children with severe

allergies.

**This includes Nutella and Kinder Bueno products.**

### **Uniform**

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniforms. It is great to see the children in their school PE kit too! Please remember that coloured trainers and football kits/other sport clothing are not to be worn for PE.

### **Naming Uniform**

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named. Thank you.

### **Mental Health Support**

Click on the link below to access support from the Young Minds Parent/Carer helpline  
[Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

### **Website**

Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is:  
[www.malmesburypark.com](http://www.malmesburypark.com)



**Dogs:** Dogs are absolutely not allowed onto the school site even if you carry them in your arms. We would like to ask all parents who walk their dogs to school to not tie them to the fencing around school.

**Parking** – We need your help in maintaining good relationships with our neighbours and therefore ask that you do not park on their drives or block the access to them.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – FS2 Meet the Teacher meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – Website Filming
- 27<sup>th</sup> Septemebr – Y2 Meet the Teacher meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> September – Y5 Meet the Teacher meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> September – Town Sports – Y6 Boys Football
- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Census Day**
- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Town Sports – Y5/6 Girls Football
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photos
- 13<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Jabs
- 14<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Jabs
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Sports Ambassadors Training Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – School finishes for half term
- 31<sup>st</sup> October – Return to School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Cand Do Sports Event (Y6)
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening (3:30 – 6:30 pm)

10<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening (3:30 – 7:30pm)  
17<sup>th</sup> November – Can Do Sports Event (Y4)  
22<sup>nd</sup> November – Christmas Choir Performance (Bournemouth Pavilion)  
24<sup>th</sup> November – Can Do Sports Event (Y5/6)  
25<sup>th</sup> November – Pantomime!  
13<sup>th</sup> December – FS2 Nativity  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 Christmas outcome  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 Christmas outcome  
15<sup>th</sup> December – FS1 Nativity  
16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas parties  
16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term  
3<sup>rd</sup> January – INSET Day for staff  
4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

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