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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank You

As we reach the final day of the half term for the children (tomorrow is a training day for staff), I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It has been lovely to see everyone giving their best, and working and playing together during the first two months of this new academic year. There have been so many highlights and magic moments from the term so far...

- **Class 1's Pyjama Day** which launched their text for the half term, 'Peace at Last'; it's also worth noting how well our Reception children have settled into their new school and how great they are at singing together!
- **Class 2's Science afternoon** which involved using one of our senses, touch. The children enjoyed taking part in a blindfolded activity touching various textured items and guessing the name of these objects. They had lots of fun and ended up getting rather messy!
- **Class 3's Healthy Eating Restaurant Day**, a food technology project in which the children designed and made a healthy three course meal, while also working on their fine dining etiquette! I'm sure the children will show you how to make a fruit kebab at home.
- **Class 4's trip to Liverpool** which saw them visit Western Approaches HQ and the Museum of Liverpool to support their understanding of the World War II; their behaviour was impeccable!

I would like to thank the amazing staff team for continuing to work tirelessly to bring out the best in all the children with their usual energy, good humour and resilience. They continue to bring the curriculum alive for the children and instil a love for learning in everyone.

I would also like to add a massive thank you to all your fabulous children for giving their best this half term; they performed superbly this morning in our Harvest Service and you should receive a link via email tomorrow so that you can catch some of the highlights online. Many thanks for your generous donations to the Widnes Foodbank. These were gratefully received by Kay Ahearne from the foodbank who spoke to the children at the end of the service. I think everyone needs a good rest now and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday, 1st November** at the usual time.

Covid-19 Update: Home Testing

It has certainly felt like a more settled period of time, although we all have a close eye on how the situation is developing both locally and nationally in relation to the virus. The advice from Public Health is for families to continue to complete home testing using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) twice a week. Please let us know if you need any more kits.

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is **ambition**. We have encouraged the children to *dream big* and *aim high* in what they hope to achieve in life. We have also thought about the small steps we need to take as we work towards realising our dreams and the importance of working with others.

Perhaps you could talk at home about what your dreams were when you were a child and how your ideas changed over time. Well done to the following children who have shown a commitment to achieving their potential:



Reception	Thomas: for always being ready and eager to learn
Year 1	Thomas S: for always giving 100% effort
Year 2	Annabelle: for trying her best to achieve well in reading
Year 3	Oscar: for setting ambitious goals and working hard
Year 4	Elsie-May: for working hard to achieve her goals in school and at home
Year 5	Emily: for holding an ambitious attitude and being willing to try new things
Year 6	Isaac: for an ambitious attitude towards his work



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Billy	Oscar	Lexia	Oliver

After School Clubs

Next half term, we will continue to offer sports-based clubs with Progressive Sports and Andrew Curphey. Multi skills clubs will change to gymnastics for Years 1, 2 and 3 and football for Years 4, 5 and 6. **If your child has already taken part in any of these clubs, you do not need to complete a new permission slip; Mrs Fenlon will email you to confirm that your child would like to continue.** For new children wishing to join, the permission slip at the end of the newsletter should be completed and returned to school. As usual, we aim to provide a place to all pupils and we will only contact you if this is not possible. There will be no charge for the clubs but please ensure that your child commits to each of the sessions up until Christmas. Pupils should be collected from the **front entrance** once their clubs have finished at 4.15 pm. Thank you.

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	TIME	CLUB LEADERS
Monday	Gymnastics	Years 1, 2 & 3	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports
Wednesday	Football	Years 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports
Friday	Dance	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Andrew Curphey Theatre Company

In addition to these clubs, school staff will also be offering a range of after school clubs which will start the week beginning **1st November**. The clubs on offer are on the next page. Please complete and return the permission slip as soon as possible if your child would like to join. If you return your slip prior to the start of the first club session, please assume that your child has a place (we will contact you if this is not the case). Thank you.

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Monday	Creative Wool Crafts	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Mrs Eley Mrs Jackson
Monday	Computing	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Mr Harley
Wednesday	Art	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Mrs Bennett
Thursday	Netball	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Mrs Power Mrs Harris
Thursday	Lego and construction	Rec, Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Mrs Draper



Junior Safety Officers

Our Junior Safety Officers, **Poppie** and **Louis** (both in Year 5), organised a poster competition for the infant children. Those taking part were asked to design a poster to encourage young children to stay safe by holding an adult's hand. The winners were announced this morning as follows: 1st place **Lily** (Class 2), 2nd place **Robin** (Class 2) and 3rd place **Sophie** (Class 1). Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to the Junior Safety officers for organising the competition.

I look forward to seeing you all again after half term. Stay safe and look after yourselves.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

Mr R Harley
Headteacher

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After School Clubs Autumn Term 2021

Please complete and return this form to school as soon as possible to book your child onto the selected club.

Name of child: _____ Class: _____ Year Group: _____

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I agree to my child taking part in the chosen club for this half term.

Signed (parent/carer) _____

My child will be collected by _____ . (please complete if appropriate)

My child is allowed to make his/her own way home from school at 4.15pm; Y5/6 only.
(please tick if appropriate)