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Dear Families,

What a couple of weeks! There has been such a lot going on that I hope I don't miss anything!

Parents evenings are this week, and you should have now received your child's interim reports. Thank you for your feedback on the last ones, we have listened and taken on board the need for clarity around the end of year expectations. These documents will be shared on Class Dojo by the end of the week.

Last week children in Key Stage 2 attended three sporting events! Netball, Football and Tag Rugby! As always, a HUGE thank you to the parents who supported the children with transport. Events such as these rely on the goodwill of so many people – from the parents who get the children there, to the staff who attend with the children, to the office staff who organize the letters, slips, risk assessments and more – and that is before we get to the events themselves.

Last week we received the report back from our Health and Safety Audit...100%! A phenomenal amount of work goes into the Health and Safety management of our school and could very easily be a full time job so it was lovely (and VERY well deserved!) for the office team and Mr Keymer to get the recognition they deserve.

Monitoring

Each term the Leadership team conduct monitoring of various aspects of school life. From time to time this is supported by a Governor visit. This term Sarah Hudson has been in to join in with monitoring the English books and Kathryn Mendus, our Safeguarding Governor has been in to join in with monitoring our provision for children with EHCPs and our safeguarding practices.

The leadership team have conducted "Plan to Provision" monitoring in English, Science and inclusion and I have been fortunate enough to observe every teacher deliver English and Maths. When we look at this monitoring with the children's outcomes we can see the impact of everything we do. We are really pleased with the progress the children are making and are looking forward to seeing the outcomes of the assessments they are undertaking this week.

Communication

Over the last term we have been monitoring how and particularly when staff are communicating with parents. In lots of cases this is in the evenings and at weekends. With the use of mobile phones, it is very easy to communicate instantly and at times without thinking whether there is an alternative, whether it is necessary or whether the person you are messaging can do anything about it.

Class Dojo has many excellent features but the 24/7 accessibility to staff can at times be overwhelming for teachers in particular, as they feel the pressure to respond. As such, we have reviewed the expectations. If you send a Dojo or an email, we will aim to get back to you within two school days. There may be weeks (like this week with Parents evening) where it may be longer. If you have not received a response within two school days and your message is time sensitive, please pop into the office. Please also remember that your child's class teacher is always your first port of call.

Jamathon!

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to the Jamathon! It was a great success and with the fantastic match funding from Halifax, raised an incredible £685.50! We will be using this money towards OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) – a fantastic initiative to enhance outdoor play.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th March – Drama Club Production

Thursday 28th March – Easter Service, 9:30am St Michael's Church

Thursday 28th March – Finish for Easter 1pm

Thursday 28th March – SSA Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 15th April – Start of the Summer Term 8:45am





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Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.

If you are a parent or carer

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

If you have any concerns or require any support, please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can support with anything.

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon
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