



15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been filled with sunshine, workshops and beautiful artwork throughout school - please check out our Facebook page to see the stunning work produced by our Year One, Three and Six children. I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to children read this week, and seeing how many children have been reading every single day. It has also been fabulous to see the children playing in the sunshine this lunchtime and participating in sports games with our Crossbar coach in the MUGA, and even our smallest children in Pre-School having a fabulous time during their PE session in the hall this morning.

Please note, although a wonderful treat, please refrain from handing out sweets for birthdays at the end of the day. We have mentioned in previous letters about purchasing a book for the classroom instead of purchasing sweets; this helps to promote a love of reading. It also prevents arguments for when siblings etc do not have sweets, as well as promoting healthy eating. As a school we do have an Amazon Wishlist, which you can purchase an age-appropriate book from:

Seedlings - <https://amzn.eu/9tv5hBL>  
Acorns - <https://amzn.eu/gEysxDa>  
Chestnut - <https://amzn.eu/2qheeuu>  
Ash - <https://amzn.eu/iD85Wzg>  
Elm - <https://amzn.eu/5iItTVE>

Spruce - <https://amzn.eu/3eEiqxN>  
Aspen - <https://amzn.eu/92iPxA9>  
Birch - <https://amzn.eu/9XgPXgp>  
Maple - <https://amzn.eu/0hIH2sg>  
Beech - <https://amzn.eu/7NEjY3G>

Cedar - <https://amzn.eu/gx6TJPX>  
Sycamore - <https://amzn.eu/aMuuPoS>  
Holly - <https://amzn.eu/9avEBHo>  
Oak - <https://amzn.eu/dTSuq31>  
Willow - <https://amzn.eu/4EZsOeM>

We are once again reviewing our start of day procedures; several concerns have been raised about the behaviour of some of our Year Five children who are being left without an adult, trusted by family members to wait for their allocated gate slot. I ask that if your child is being trusted to wait until they can come through the gate, that you please speak to them about standing and waiting patiently, as this week children have running up and down the embankment. This resulted in lots of muddy clothes and phone calls home, and a ball being kicked into the road causing a very near-miss. Ideally, I would love to be able to allow all of the children through at once, but already this week we were at risk of going back into contingency measures because of the number of Covid cases, which means that the children would need to be kept in key stage bubbles.

Next week we will be holding our first parent evening sessions of the year. If you have had any difficulties booking a session, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We hope you find these sessions informative. We will then be sending out further notifications to parents, whose children are accessing additional groups, interventions and sessions, to help us move the pupils towards their goal. This will hopefully keep you more informed.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper  
Head of School

