



Classteacher Golden Awards (last two weeks)

Year 1: Hannah/Oscar
Year 2: Henry/Sienna
Year 3: Mila/Elsa
Year 4: Mae/Isabela
Year 5: Luca/Joseph
Year 6: Caitlin/William

House token totals (to 20/10/20):

Emerald	16
Ruby	15
Sapphire	15
Topaz	8

Parent consultations

You should have received your child's interim report yesterday, giving brief details of how they have settled in to school and some strengths plus areas for development. We will be offering telephone meetings with your child's class teacher after half term (in the week beginning 9th November) and the online booking system will be available to book these appointments from November 3rd. Details will be made available beforehand.

Attendance

Over the last two weeks, the classes with the best attendance have been Y2 and Y4 (100% for 5-10 October) and Y1 and Y3 (100% for 28 September – 2nd October). Well done everyone!

Harvest donations

We have had a great response to our request for donations to help support Little Sprouts: I have been asked by Little Sprouts to pass on their thanks to all those who were able to make a donation – it is very much appreciated!

COVID update

Please do not send your children in to school if they display any of the three official symptoms of COVID, even if you believe the symptoms are indicative of an unrelated ailment. The three symptoms are: an elevated temperature (Government are now defining this as where the chest/back feel hot to the touch, although a temperature of 37.8 degrees or above remains a useful benchmark), a new persistent cough and/or a loss of taste/smell. A test should be sought at the earliest opportunity. This also applies to any other member of the household if symptoms are evident: children should not be sent into school until a negative test result has been obtained for that household member.

Details of how to access Seesaw (our Trust-wide online learning platform) were sent out earlier this week along with consent forms. Please return these as soon as possible if you haven't already – children for whom we don't receive consent will be archived and access to Seesaw will be denied. Seesaw will only be used where we have to isolate an entire class or the school has to be closed

I must also take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their response to my decision to have staff wearing face coverings whenever they are outside their own class bubbles (plus the request for adults to wear face coverings at drop-off and pick-up). This measure is only truly effective with sufficient buy-in and I'm pleased to be able to see that all my staff and the overwhelming majority of other adults have done exactly that. Your support is very much appreciated.



Tempest photography

On Friday 6th November, Tempest Photography will be in school for their traditional Autumn Term visit. However, given the current situation around COVID, they will only be taking **individual** photographs and not sibling group photographs – this is to ensure that the photographers are able to maintain social distancing and not having to ‘arrange’ sibling groups into a photogenic pose! The photographers will take images of each child as a matter of course and then parents/carers can decide whether they want to purchase any.

Smartphone app

In addition to our text/email-based SchoolComms facility, we also have a school Facebook page and a smartphone app that comprise an integral part of our communications channels with parents. The smartphone app appears to be being accessed by fewer and fewer parents at time goes on, even during the lockdown period: if you don't have the smartphone app, please go to the Play Store or App Store and download 'Jigsaw School App', install then select 'Levendale' from the menu when you first open it.

School meal hot service

We had hoped to begin a hot lunch service again in the first week back after half-term. However, due to circumstances beyond my control, we will have to delay this until the week beginning 9th November instead. Details will now be sent out in the first week back after half-term. My apologies for this unforeseen delay.

Dates for your diary

September	
30	PTA AGM
October	
23	Break up for half-term
November	
2	Start of Autumn Term 2
6	Tempest Photography in school
December	
18	Break up for Christmas
January	
4	Start of Spring Term 1
February	
12	Break up for half-term
22	Start of Spring Term 2
March	
26	Break up for Easter
April	
12	Start of Summer Term 1
May	
	Y2 test period across May
3	May Bank Holiday – school closed
10-13	Y6 SATs week
17-19	Y6 residential at Robinwood <i>(subject to changes in Government guidance for residential)</i>
28	Break up for half-term
June	
7	Start of Summer Term 2
7-11	Y1 phonics screening check week
7-25	Y4 multiplication check period
July	
16	Break up for summer

Headteacher's Award

Earlier this week, I was very pleased to give a Headteacher's Award to Libby in Nursery for some phenomenal reading!

