

20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have managed to spend some time over the weekend to reflect and pay your respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On Friday's assembly we shared a beautiful poem about our Queen, written by Ruby- Leigh Forster's Grandad. It was a special time for children and staff to have a moment of reflection and think about the Queen's life. Thank you to Ruby- Leigh's Grandad for sharing this with us!

We had another great week in school last week and we had some wonderful weather. It felt like Summer outside at playtimes and lunchtimes which has been lovely for the children. The children have been busy too inside – routines are becoming established and there's been some superb learning across school. Here are some important updates for the week ahead.

### **School values**

Last week in school we started to launch our new school values. Using feedback taken from children, parents and staff we have chosen six values that we will be embedding through school. Each value has been matched to an animal to help the children remember the values and their meanings. All of the values have been drawn by a fantastic illustrator Liz Million, who has illustrated many children's books. The first value that we have focussed on this week is 'Kindness' and this is represented by a dolphin. Each value will be focussed on in assemblies and during lessons. We want the children to be able to talk about each value and have a good understanding of what they mean. I will inform you each week of the value that we will be focusing on and any discussions at home about these would be greatly appreciated.

### **Robinwood**

Today our fantastic Year 6 children have set off on our annual residential and this year the children are going to 'Robinwood Activity Centre'. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop teamwork, resilience and many important life skills and also to make long lasting memories. Our children and staff are very much looking forward to the activities and myself and Mrs Akroyd will be visiting the children during their stay. We will keep you updated on the children's adventures via Seesaw and Facebook.

### **Class Newsletters**

You'll be receiving a class newsletter this week which goes through some key information linking to your child's class and year group including brief information about what is being studied, when PE kit is required and any key information– I hope you find your newsletter useful!

### **Curriculum open evening**

In order to celebrate your child's work this half term and our fantastic Ofsted judgement, you are invited to a curriculum open evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 between 3.10pm- 4.00pm. Parents of children in Attenborough, Ennis-Hill and Hawking are invited on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and parents of children in Donaldson, Seacole and Luther-King are invited on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to 'drop in' during these times and have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, look at their work and talk to your child's teacher. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Sending my very best wishes

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