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Friday Newsletter

From Mr Searson

Parent's evening

It was lovely to see so many parents coming to school last night to see the progress being made by the children. We received many positive comments about the work seen and progress made and we were delighted with the support you showed to working in partnership with school. Thank-you!

School Photographs

The school photographer took some absolutely lovely individual and family group pictures on Wednesday and we do think you will be delighted with them. He has promised to have the contact sheets with us during the first week back after half term, so the prints will be with you well in time for Christmas.

A couple of people asked for Class photographs to be taken. Unfortunately he could not oblige with this as it required a different background. However we have set a date for Class Photographs to be taken in late Spring. He did take some year group shots which we will display in the main entrance for anyone interested in buying a copy.

Swimming

During this term the time spent in the water at swimming sessions has been reduced (15 minutes last week instead of half an hour!) because it is taking a minority of the children so long to get undressed. After the session getting dressed is also taking a long time, so much so, we have been so late for the bus on two occasions we have received a warning from the coach company!

*If you know your child takes a long time getting changed **please** help us by getting them to practice doing it independently, including folding clothes appropriately to put them in their locker so they can find them after the swimming session.*

We do accept some children take longer than others, but if child is taking an excessive amount of time because they are chatting, daydreaming or being silly, and therefore reducing the learning time for others, we will have no choice but to stop their swimming session the following week as it is not fair on everyone else. The same goes for any form of unacceptable behaviour during swimming lessons which mean the teachers have to stop the sessions.

I have explained this to the children and I am sure this will be deterrent enough! But we would be very grateful if you could reinforce this with them.

We would like to say the majority of children behave very well and are a credit to the school, so to those children...keep it up, you are stars!

Fundraising

Harvest Festival Thank-you for your donations of food and for all those who bought items from the auction showing such wonderful supportive generosity. We raised a total of £263.50. So we will be sending a cheque for £135 to Compassion and with the half for school we will be buying a set of 8 new chairs for school.

Messages from the staff

Class 1 :Mrs Goodyear, Miss Westcott and Mrs Spencer	
Class 2: Mr Searson and Miss Westcott	For a science lesson next week, could all children find out the colour of their parents and grandparents eyes.
Class 3: Mrs Bevan	For a science lesson next week, could all children find out the colour of their parents and grandparents eyes. Choir Arrangements for dress rehearsal on 20.10.10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport Mrs Bevan will confirm this on Monday.• Meeting time Chesterfield: Please meet Mrs Russell in the 'Doughnut' car park at 9.15am. And collect children from there at 2.40pm.• Dinner Could all children attending the Winding Wheel concert bring a packed lunch with them on Wednesday. If children usually have school dinners, Mrs. Wilson will make them a packed lunch for the usual dinner charge if you let us know on Monday.• Raffle Tickets Could all stubs and tickets please be returned to the school office before Wednesday please.• Dress Code: Dark trousers, skirt for girls and a white polo shirt please.

From the School office

Thank you very much to everyone who has returned their parental update form. There are still a few outstanding – could you please return these on Monday.

Whats on Next Week

Monday	Key Stage 2 Swimming
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Choir at Winding Wheel all day for dress rehearsal
Thursday	Winding Wheel Concert at 7pm
Friday	School Communion at St Mark's Church at 2.30pm

Yours sincerely

Mr P.G.Searson
Head Teacher