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Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to speak to their child's class teacher this week by telephone or by e-mail. I hope you found it useful to learn about the progress your child is making this term. We will also have told you about some targets that your child is working on in class. Your child will bring home a paper copy of these targets. If you haven't received this target sheet, please contact your child's class teacher by ringing the main office. You should also contact us if you need more information on how to support your child with their targets at home at any time during the year. If you had arranged an appointment with your child's teacher but you couldn't take the call, please contact the main office to rearrange a new time next week.

Reading

Recently, parents of our younger children received an information sheet outlining what their child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The sheet also explained how you can support your child at home with their early reading. Please keep going over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, you can find it under the "Letters to Parents" section of the school website.

Parenting Smart

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website called Parent Smart. The website aims to help parents with situations that they can typically find themselves in with their children. Parenting Smart also gives practical tips from mental health experts on how to support a child's wellbeing. The Parenting Smart website can be found by following this link: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
94.48%	88.15%	89.6%	90.37%	93.48%	94.23%	91.85%	91.74%

Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word that is displayed in the classroom. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in November:

- Year 1 - despair
- Year 2 - narrow
- Year 3 - extreme
- Year 4 - contemplate
- Year 5 - diminished
- Year 6 - fractious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher