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Pupil Premium Funding

Each year, the government gives the academy extra money to support those of our children who are eligible for free school meals. At a recent governors' meeting, the governors reviewed how the money was spent last year. They also looked at whether this group of children had done better in class because of the extra money spent. More of our pupil premium children need to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths by the time they leave Key Stage 2 next year. That is our aim for these children. Therefore, we have taken steps to ensure they achieve that aim. We have also looked at how we can improve the communication skills of our youngest pupil premium children. Further information about how we will spend the money can be found on the school website under the "Our Academy" section. Throughout the year, I will be looking at the difference that this extra money is making to the progress of our pupil premium children.

Termly Assessments

Last week, the children completed their termly assessments. I was pleased with the children's attitudes during these tests. They applied themselves superbly and showed what they could do. The children should now have brought their assessments home. If you haven't received your child's assessment, please contact the office to speak to their class teacher.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 6 for having an attendance of more than 99% 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%	90%	91.92%	92.59%	87.83%	93.46%	99.26%	92.92%

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, the children celebrated anti-bullying week by taking part in a special assembly. We reminded our children about the meaning of bullying and what to do if they felt that they were being bullied. The older children talked about the lasting impact of cyberbullying on a child's mental health and wellbeing. After the assembly, Levi in Year 5 said, "Bullying is when you purposefully hurt someone and it happens over a long period of time. Bullying can affect people's emotions. They could feel fear, anger or sadness".

Baby News

I am pleased to let you know that Miss Fidler gave birth to a baby girl, Sienna, last month. Both mum and baby are doing great and we hope to see them soon!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

