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Star Points

As you will know, the children have been collecting star points this term. Children receive star points for their outstanding work and excellent behaviour. Next week, the teachers will count up the stars for each child and they will receive a prize depending on how many points they have earned. Those children who have more than 100 star points this term will receive the biggest prize. Some children are very close to achieving this! I hope to see the children working hard next week to try and earn as many stars as possible.

School Nurse

Recently, the school nurse visited the academy to share important information with some of our children. The children in year 1 learnt about the importance of washing their hands while the children in year 3 discovered more about dental hygiene. After the visit, Angela said, "We learnt how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. The nurse showed us how to brush our teeth without damaging our gums." Koda added, "Plaque will slowly decay your teeth over time. We learnt that plaque, a form of bacteria, is made from leftover food." The teachers will continue to reinforce these messages during their relationships and health lessons each week.

Superhero Day

Recently, the children in our Upper Foundation Stage had a special day linked to their superhero topic. The children dressed up as superheroes and went on a mission to solve a problem set by Evil Pea, a character from a book the class had been reading. During the day, the children also had a visit from some real-life superheroes from the Fire Service. The firefighters talked about how they kept people safe. They also showed the children the fire engine.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 6 for having an attendance of more than 98%! 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
90%	97.9%	94%	95.4%	83%	97.5%	98.1%	93.8%

Wakefield Trinity

This year, the school has worked with Wakefield Trinity to give children the opportunity to play rugby league. We feel it is important that the children have the chance to try new sports and receive high-quality teaching from a professional coach. After one of the sessions, Elaina said, "I have enjoyed working with the coach as at first I didn't know much about rugby but now I know lots. I've learnt that you can hold the ball in different ways. You also only pass backwards or sideways, never forwards. You also throw from your strongest side." Harris added, "I have learnt that the ball can be kicked even when it isn't the last tackle."

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the parent questionnaires. The senior leadership team will begin to evaluate these and I will share our findings with you shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher