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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. 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 don't receive 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 didn't attend, you can still make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please contact the main office if you want to do this.

Reading Update

This term, our focus is to improve our children's ability to read fluently. At the end of Key Stage 1, a child should be expected to read at 90 words a minute to be considered a fluent reader. Our teachers have been taking part in an activity with some children called "echo reading" to help them read more fluently. In "echo reading", the child listens to the adult read the text aloud before reading it themselves. This helps the child to recognise any unfamiliar words and develop their expression. Over time, this should help the child to increase the number of words that they can read in one minute. If you want to help your child to read fluently at home and you need more information about "echo reading", please speak to your child's class teacher.

Extracurricular Clubs

It is great to see that lots of our children have attended an extracurricular club since the start of the academic year. We recognise the importance of these clubs as it allows our children to develop their interests and talents in different areas of the curriculum. Mr Jackson, the deputy head, is looking to offer more clubs soon. We hope even more children will go to at least one extra-curricular session by the end of the academic year. We will send parents more details about these clubs shortly.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%. Congratulations to year 1 for having an attendance of 100%!

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93.8%	100%	98%	95%	94.8%	96.2%	96%	96.4%

Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children who received achievement certificates in our special mentions assembly this half-term. The names of the children who have been given a positive leaf will continue to be displayed on the rainbow tree in the reception area. Well done to the children who also received a special certificate for their fantastic contribution to the Top Team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

