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School Development Plan

This week, the latest school development plan was agreed at the governing body meeting. The plan includes our key priorities for this year. In a very small number of subjects, where the practice isn't fully secure, we are continuing to work on ensuring that our children can recall and make links to their previous learning. We will also continue to develop our subject leaders, especially those newest to this position, to ensure they are highly successful in their role. We have already started some of the actions in the plan. We will continue to work hard to put the rest of the actions into place. I will update you throughout the year on our progress as we aim to achieve all our key priorities.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the parents who brought in food and donations for our Harvest Assembly last week. The school council have delivered parcels to Hemsworth Food Pantry who were very grateful for all the food!

Top Team

Last week, the children in our Top Team started their jobs. I have been impressed with their responsible and mature attitude around school this week. I have already seen lots of examples of the Top Team supporting our younger children. Some of them have told me how much they enjoyed reading to an older child. I also enjoyed watching the new play leaders learning our children in key stage 1 some games. Please keep up the fantastic work!

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
93.9%	100%	95.9%	98%	96.3%	97.2%	95.2%	96.5%

Word of the Month

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

- Year 1 - brief
- Year 2 - thud
- Year 3 - plunder
- Year 4 - remorseless
- Year 5 - commotion
- Year 6 - desolate

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