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INSPIRE Morning

Thank you to all the parents who came to our INSPIRE mornings last week. We had a fantastic turnout and the children enjoyed seeing you in class. I am glad you found the session helpful in supporting your child with their reading, writing or maths at home. The feedback we received was also very positive. One parent said, "It was great to know the strategies that school is using to help with spelling so I can use these at home too." Lots of parents said they would now be able to support their child better at home. Your support will match how we teach your child at school. We look forward to holding more INSPIRE sessions in the summer term.

Children's Mental Health Week

Our children have taken part in special assemblies to celebrate Mental Health Week. The theme of the assemblies was "Know Yourself Grow Yourself". You can find out more about the work we have been doing in school by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

This webpage also has ideas on how to support your child's mental wellbeing at home.

The recent assemblies have added to the work that the children do on mental health during their relationships and health lessons. We speak to our children regularly about understanding different feelings. We remind them that they must talk to a trusted adult in school immediately if they ever have "big" feelings. "Big" feelings are those that don't go away and stop you from doing normal day-to-day activities.

Pupil Questionnaires

The children have recently completed a questionnaire. The questionnaire asks the children to give their thoughts about school. This week, I have looked at the feedback from the children in Key Stage 2. Every child in Key Stage 2 said that they learn a lot in school and nearly everyone agreed that the school provides plenty of opportunities to develop their interests. Also, all the children agreed that the school encourages them to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally. The children also recognised the importance that the school places on making sure they look after their physical and mental health. I am delighted with this feedback.

Waterton's Got Talent

Well done to all of the children who recently auditioned in the first round of heats for Waterton's Got Talent. I know the teachers found it hard to choose a winner from each class. Next week, the school will host the final round of auditions and an overall winner will be chosen to represent the school at the show later this year.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Congratulations to year 4 for having an attendance of 100%! 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
96.2%	95.2%	92.9%	95.1%	100%	93.6%	93.5%	95.2%

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

