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Dear Parents and Children,

Here is our final newsletter for this half-term.

First of all I must say that we have seen great progress from the children this half-term. They have worked hard and their behaviour and attitudes have been superb so well done to you all!

Next, thanks to all of you who were able to attend our open afternoon which we hope you enjoyed. There will be more like this as the year progresses and of course we have a stay and play afternoon this week for the Foundation Stage so please join us for that if you can.

Thanks too to everyone who completed the Parents' Questionnaire. This was an exact copy of the OFSTED document which can be accessed online through Parentview. It provides us with useful information which we can use to help inform any improvements. So far we have had 54 replies, which is great, but if you haven't completed one yet then please contact the office and we will send you out another questionnaire. The deadline for returns if you wish to be entered in to the raffle is this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. I am delighted to say that the responses were overwhelmingly positive with approval ratings of 100% in 4 of the areas, 98% in two areas and 94% plus in 5 areas. The main area where you would like some changes is with regard to knowing how well your children are doing so we will be providing some basic half-termly assessment information about the children's progress and attainment and you can expect the first communication immediately after the half-term break when we have finalised our assessment for the first part of the year. This is in addition to our regular parents' meetings, which will take place in January this year, availability of teachers if you need to speak to them and the other events we hold regularly in school where you can come along and find out about the work your children are doing. After the holiday we will also be holding a meeting for parents of children in Y5 and 6 (although anyone is welcome to attend) to look specifically at the upper KS2 curriculum and statutory assessment at the end of Y6. We hope this will give you some idea of the challenges that the children face and some ideas about how you can help them.

We will also be making some changes to our school website to provide more comprehensive information in a format which is easier to navigate, including making it phone and tablet friendly.

School closes on Friday at the usual time of 3.10pm for the half-term break and re-opens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October which will be a Hallowe'en themed day so get your costumes

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organised! Children may also enter the pumpkin carving competition – please bring their carved pumpkin to school in the morning and take home at the end of the day. The PTFA have organised discos for the afternoon and if you are interested in working with the PTFA at all we have a meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November immediately after school. Please purchase your Hallowe'en disco ticket (£2.50) by Wednesday this week.

That is all for now so, to all of the children have a safe and well-earned break.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson