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Dear Parents and Children,

Here is our latest newsletter.

First of all a big WELL DONE! to all of the children (and parents) for their efforts during World Book Week and especially for the efforts made with the book character dressing up day. I don't think that I have seen such an imaginative array of costumes across the whole school in quite some time. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed their book activities.

The book day and our nearly new sale raised almost £200 which we will be using to purchase new books and to support the cost of our residential visit later this year.

Now an important reminder that tomorrow is class photograph day- the children are usually very smartly dressed in their uniforms so no need to remind you of this!

We are pleased to tell you that Mrs. Lisbet Redman will be covering Miss Pierce's maternity leave until the beginning of next January. Mrs. Redman is an experienced teacher with a real talent for art and design technology so we look forward to seeing some great work from the Y2 children in this area. Mrs. Redman begins next Thursday the 16th of March.

Next, a reminder about attendance and punctuality. Overall we are pleased with the levels of attendance however we still have a number of pupils whose attendance falls below the persistent absenteeism threshold. Whilst there have been some improvements it is important that parents do ensure that children attend school regularly and we have a school target of around 96%. We are getting close to this but we need to keep up the good work. Some of you will have received letters regarding your child's attendance. Please read the individual comments and if you have any questions then please get in touch with me. With regards to punctuality, doors open for children at 8.45am and the side gate is locked at 8.55am. Please ensure that children arrive on time and are in class for the register before 8.55am and that you leave the premises promptly.

It is important that I continue to tell you how well the children are doing with their general behaviour and particularly their learning behaviour. In the last couple of weeks I have seen quite a lot of both Y2 classes and I have been exceptionally impressed by their attitudes and the depth of the learning which is taking place. The school feels very different to the one I took over more than 5 years ago in this respect and this is down to the highly skilled and enthusiastic support they receive from all of the staff at the school. Our latest set of progress data is almost complete and we will hopefully be sharing this with you before the end of term.

Finally, an early notice that school will be closed for polling day on Thursday May 4th so the children will only be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of that week as it is also Bank Holiday Monday on the 1st.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson