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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Phonics information session for parents**

Your child will bring home a booking slip today for our phonics information sessions next week, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We will run two sessions, the first at 2pm and the second after school at 3.15pm. Each will run for approximately 30 minutes.

The sessions will explain the phonics scheme we use in school, "Little Wandle", showing how we teach children to recognise the letters, blend them to read words and then build words into reading sentences. It will explain some of the terminology that we use, and ensure that you are able to support your child as they practise their reading at home. Children who practise their reading at home will make quicker progress and go onto become much more confident readers. We know that the children will thrive when we work in partnership and would really like to see all parents attend one of the sessions. You may bring your pre-school children to the sessions with you, if you have no alternative child-care. If you wish to attend the 3.15pm session, we will have teaching staff available who can supervise your Infants children and any pre-school children for you, as long as this is booked on the slip. Please hand the booking slips to your child's teachers at handover by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Attendance**

Good attendance in infants lays the foundation for future success, helping children feel confident, make progress, and enjoy school life to the fullest. It gives them routine and security; it's where they learn to share, play and build friendships. At this age, children build their learning and friendships in small steps. Missing even the smallest amount of time can mean children miss key steps in their learning, making it harder to catch up later; they miss out on relationships blossoming, impacting on their confidence and resilience.

Our attendance target is 95% or higher.

Since we have returned to school our weekly attendance percentages are:

3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> September	94.87%
8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> September	87.74%
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> September	88.83%
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> September	89.67%

As you can see, we are falling worryingly short of the target, at the most essential time for children. Of course, we do not expect you to send your child to school if they are very ill, but generally if they can play and eat at home, they can manage a school day. Whilst we understand that certain illnesses such as sickness and diarrhoea mean your child must stay at home for 48 hours after their last bout, the majority of coughs and colds and childhood ailments do not require isolation. You may already know that we are able to store and administer medicines for you; either those prescribed by a GP with child's name and dosage printed on them, or Calpol type medicines that are in their original bottles and show they are age-appropriate. All teachers have access to medicine forms that they can complete with you when you bring your children to school. You can let us know how much and when medicines are due.

I am really hoping to see a quick improvement in attendance over the next week. Mrs Newcombe, our home-school liaison worker, is available to offer further support with school attendance. Please make an appointment with her if you need any support or advice.

**Raise Resilience** <https://bounceforward.com/bounce-forward-raise-resilience-hkf/>

Please follow the link to see this free resource for parents across the country, as part of the partnership between Bounce Forward and the Harry Kane Foundation, packed with tips and tools, aimed to support parents with helping to build resilience in their children. Children's mental health and well-being is a very important part of our ethos here. We are a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) school, and have staff trained to identify and support children in many different ways. There are further resources on our website, but if you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please speak to their class teacher.

**Tapestry**

You should have received your invitation to join Tapestry by now; we are notified when you accept the invitation and can see many of you have accepted and installed the app. This is an easy way for you to share your child's learning; the Nursery and Reception parents find it much better than any of our other methods. If you have not received the invitation email or have any issues with joining, please pop into see Miss Pappin, our Business Manager, who will be able to help you.

All staff are posting on Tapestry now, so, once you are in, you should be able to see some of your child's learning. They will love to share it with you.

**Dates for your diary**

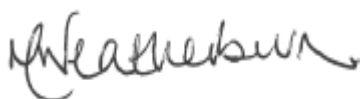
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School Photographs</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parents day – school and Nursery closed</b> Parents bring children to appointment during the day to discuss progress

**Finally, data collection**

The children are bringing home their data collection sheets today. Please check them carefully and return them to us as soon as possible. As I explained before, we have migrated to a new system. There have been a few teething problems and we have noticed some errors in some of the data. It is essential we know that we have all of your contact information, allergy information etc. correct.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need any further support. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher