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## Dear Parents & Carers

### Message from Mrs Majcher

The dark mornings and evenings are upon us once again as the year grows old, however, we have been very lucky to have used the field for most of this term which is quite rare. Thank you for attending our virtual parents' evenings this week, staff have really appreciated the opportunity to talk to you. As I write, the virus numbers are surging once again and we may have to revert back to our previous precautions. Please keep an eye out for emails.

### Learning Council

On Tuesday, 19th October the Learning Council met virtually with some of the school governors to talk about how the year was going so far. They spoke about their favourite parts of school, the things they would improve, and discussed what they do if they get stuck or have a problem. They then asked the governors some excellent questions, including asking how the governors managed to monitor the school when they hadn't been able to visit in person.

Well done Learning Council!

### Football – Regional Finals

Two of our football teams made it to the district finals on Saturday, 16th October at The Disraeli School. Both the boys' and girls' teams from Year 6 played brilliantly, with the girls' team winning the final at the end of the afternoon. Congratulations on fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. The girls' team are going through to the regional final in November. Well done Carrington!

### Coats & Tracksuits

Please can all children come to school wearing a coat. We take the children outside at least twice a day and now a coat is required. Also, for outdoor PE, please can the children have outdoor jogging bottoms and a suitable top for the winter. Thank you.

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### Flackwell Christmas Lights

The FHRA are organising 'Christmas on the Green' on 27th November. They asked us to supply them with a child who would switch on the lights. So, all the children who had received a values badge were put in a draw and at assembly a name was drawn out. It was Jake from Year 6. So, we must all be there to cheer Jake on. Well done Jake!

### Writing Competition

There were really high-quality entries for our Autumn Writing Competition. Entries ranged from suspense filled stories, to poems with detailed description and some brilliant rhythm. Learning Council got together to judge the short-listed entries during the week. The quality of the entries made judging extremely difficult. Congratulations to everybody who took part.

The winners were:

Year 3 & 4- Hope, Natalie and Ruby

Year 5 & 6- Harry, Thomas, Jasmine and Sophie

### Grapevine Writing Competition

The Christmas story competition is back. We delighted so many readers last year with our lovely stories so we would like to take part again!

We have attached further information and the pictures. Happy writing!

## Ufton Court- Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Ufton Court this half term where they were able to experience life as an Anglo-Saxon. They took part in a variety of activities including weaving, fire lighting and spindling, finishing off the day with a battle re-enactment between the Saxons and Vikings. The children got into character really well. The children all had a great time and showed excellent behaviour.

## PACCAR- Year 4 Trip

On Wednesday, 20th of October, Year 4 visited PACCAR for a day of outdoor adventure. We managed to dodge the heavy downpours and had a fantastic time! We challenged ourselves to aim for the bullseye during archery and developed our communication skills during crate stacking. During teamwork games, we worked together to solve puzzles and faced our fears racing each other down the twin zip lines! The adults all agreed that we represented the school brilliantly and really put the school values into practise.

## Harvest

We had a phenomenal number of cans and provisions brought in. 5C excelled themselves by bringing in 76 items between them.

During our harvest assembly the children learned about farming virtually from Farmer Tom, who is a UK farming ambassador, and sang harvest songs. Mrs Cameron also spoke about how having a successful harvest is as important to farmers as your favourite football team winning the final!

All the cans we have gathered will be going to the One Can Trust this weekend.

## Dates for your diary

| Date  |                                  | Time                 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November | Inset Days (closed for children) | All day              |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Christchurch Car Park out of use | All day              |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Year 3 Stone Age Day             | All day              |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Flu Vaccination Clinic           | Morning              |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Break up for Christmas           | To be advised        |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                           | Inset Day (closed for children)  | All day              |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                         | Children return to school        | Normal opening times |

## Parent Governors

We did not have any applicants for this position. Please consider becoming a parent governor if you can. We work very closely with our governors and the strategic role they play is very important. So, if you can spare a few hours each half term, please let me know.

## Our Local Residents

We have had some complaints about some residents feeling 'intimidated' by parents and carers at the busy parts of the day, as they are unable to walk along on the pavements as they are so busy. I'm sure it's not our parents or carers, however, please spare a thought for those who are going about their daily business whilst you are picking up or dropping off. Thank you.

## Attendance & Punctuality

We started the school year so well! Now our attendance seems to be dropping week by week. We always say to the children "You need to be in to win." A child at home is not learning, it's as simple as that. If your child is experiencing any problems, please contact us. We are happy to support and help in any way we can.

The same goes for punctuality. Children who continually miss the first 10 minutes of the school day are nearly missing an hour by the end of the week. For many children this then means that first lesson has been missed which is maths. Just to remind you:

Years 3 & 4 start at 8.30am

Years 5 & 6 start at 8.35am

## Absences

A gentle reminder that if your child is absent, please let us know immediately by leaving a message on our phone. We are having to call lots of parents on a daily basis which is unnecessary. Also, please cancel your child's hot dinner so food wastage can be limited.

We hope you have a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children again on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

## Mrs Majcher and Staff