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Friday 26th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have now all settled into their new classes and routines and have all been impressing the adults in their classes with their hard work and positive attitudes to learning.

It was fabulous to see so many of you, and extended members of your family, at our 'Breakfast and Book' events this week and last week. Thank you for supporting your children to develop a love of reading through sharing a book with grown up.

Merit Winners

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a merit certificate last week or this week. Well done for impressing your teachers both in class and around school.

RV	Oscar M and Isobel C	3B	Scarlet H and Amir S	5T	All of 5T and Pippa T
1/2R	Olivia E and Jiaan P	3/4AM	Tommy M and Zara B	5/6B	Roxy M and Lucie H
1/2V	Vinnie A and Alfie M	4H	Ellie-Mae W and Daria Z	6G	Harrison S and Willow B

Safeguarding Update – Fake News

What is fake news?

People create and spread fake news online by inventing stories, distorting facts, or presenting false content as real news.

Why do people create it?

Those who create fake news may be looking to get people to click on the link to promote advertising, encourage people to buy something or persuade them to support a point of view.

Sometimes, news organisations make mistakes and print stories that later turn out to be untrue.



Growth of fake news

Although fake news has always existed, increasingly those creating 'fake news' are making it more difficult to spot. Even well-established news organisations find themselves reporting stories based on false information due to the nature of the online world.

With so much information coming from a wide range of sources, it can be hard to know which are trustworthy.





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How can fake news impact children and young people?

- It can lead children and young people to believe something about the world that can have a negative impact on their wellbeing
- Fake news sometimes may target minority groups and spread hate which can have real world consequences
- Seeing false or misleading information online can confuse children and make them anxious about believing something untrue.

Strategies to help children develop critical and digital literacy

Talk to them: Children rely more on their family than social media for their news so talk to them about what is going on. It's also helpful to talk about how the information they see online is created so they have a better understanding of the intentions behind it.

Read: Many people share stories they don't actually read. Encourage children to read beyond the headline and if they spot something, not to share it. Instead they should help set the record straight by reporting fake news.

Check: Share quick and easy ways to check the reliability of the information. This could be doing a search to double-check who the author is and how credible they are, seeing if the information is available on reputable sites and using good fact-checking websites to get more information.

It's worth talking to them about spam, and the possibility that some adverts that they come across might be fake.

Get Involved: Digital literacy is about participation. Teach children to be honest, vigilant and creative digital citizens.

Important Dates

Tuesday 30th September – Individual Photographs

Thursday 9th October – Parents of children with SEND drop in for a coffee, 9am

Monday 13th October and Wednesday 15th October – Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 21st October – Halloween Disco – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – 3.30pm-4.15pm

Tuesday 21st October – Halloween Disco – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 – 4.30pm-5.30pm

Friday 24th October - INSET Day

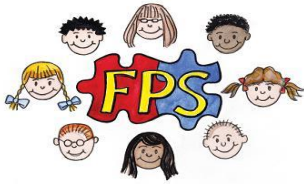
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half term Holiday

Wednesday 10th December – Y2-6 trip to Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

Friday 19th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January - INSET Day





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Please remember that if you have any questions about your child's education to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance and then a member of the senior leadership team should you feel it appropriate.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise de Graaff
Headteacher

