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Week 4,

We have achieved so much in the first four weeks of this academic year. Some of our Year 6 children are currently away on their residential trip, they had lots of wet activities planned so it was great that they had some amazing weather while they were away. The Staycation children had a range of art, PE, cooking and other activities to do (I didn't get to see any of the decorated cookies which was disappointing!). Plus, Year 5 had their first Ocean Maths sessions of the year, next week is Year 3/4 Ocean Maths with Atwell (Tuesday), Jeffreys (Wednesday) and Marshall (Thursday) each one starts at 9.10am.

This week, Marshall class had their first swimming session. This is a critical life skill and they really enjoyed their session. It did however highlight that some children need practice changing in and out of clothes and drying themselves. This has also reinforced questions that have been raised about toileting and changing children. To safeguard the children and my staff, we cannot be checking / changing children's intimate areas, it is not appropriate for us to be doing so especially for the older children (KS1 and up).

We are going to launch our Annual Harvest Collection next week and we will be supporting our local foodbank supported by Christ Church. They are very excited and if possible, some of our children will be getting involved in organising the food going to the foodbank, sorting the food and possibly helping with the distribution.

Next Saturday (3rd October) I am hoping that the weather will remain bright and clear as FOCS are Welcoming the New Nursery / Reception families for an afternoon of events from 1.00 – 3.00pm. We are also inviting any new families who might want to join our school in the future.

FoCS is a registered charity run by parents, carers and teachers. The funds we raise are spent on enhancing your child's experiences at school. We provide equipment and activities that the school's own budget cannot stretch to funding. The events we organise are not only about raising money but also aim to bring children and their families together to have fun! FoCS are keen to find out what from the school events so they have a quick survey that they would like you to complete to get your views:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdClrN2IfGyHQWWY7ZyfX9wq2rtHGY10Qg0OQJ_u0yugF6PkA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=115189056703838590421

Every parent or carer is automatically a "Friend" of Chase Side and we always need help and fresh ideas. Please come along to meet other parents and hear about some of the many ways in which you can become involved.

During the last few terms, we have had an increase in the amount of damage which is being done to the children's toilets by the children. Therefore, governors and I have decided to fit a single CCTV camera in the corridor near the toilet entrance so that we can track who is going in and out at the time that the damage is being caused.

Upcoming dates (the whole year is on the website calendar):

- Thursday 1st October Individual / Sibling photo day – if you want siblings who are not attending our school in the photo, you need to be at the lower gate at 8.30am. Children need to be in normal uniform on this day not PE kit.
- Thursday 1st October enhancement to meal offer – the pizza is changing slightly, you do not need to change your order.
- Thursday 1st October Nursery / Reception 2027 Tour – needs to be booked through the office.
- Friday 2nd October FluSpray – if you have booked through the details sent to you from the NHS, they will be given on this day.

To finish with, a couple of reminders:

- Although we have a Safer Street arrangement, cars can still drive up and down the street, so please be mindful of walking on the road or not having your child close to you in case of an emergency.
- The Safer Street arrangement also pushes lots of traffic onto surrounding rounds, please be mindful where you park and **do not just stop, blocking traffic, to let people out**. We have had complains about this on Trinity Street and ChaseSide.
- We have a very clear expectation of uniform colours please make sure that your children are dressed in our uniform colours especially during active days.
- Children should not be on their bikes or scooters in the playground. We have several scooters that are identical, please find a way of decorating your scooter to make it very easily identifiable.
- Toys, pencil cases and Jewelry should not be brought to / or worn at school, children will be asked to give this to class teachers for safe keeping and will be given to you at the end of the day.

Enjoy your weekend, let's hope that this dry weather continues for a while longer.

Stronger Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Scull', written in a cursive style.

Miss Scull