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Week 6,

We are sailing through the first half term of this academic year; I can't believe it is only two more weeks until the Half Term Holiday (don't forget that we have an Inset Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October)!

We have continued with our Ocean Math's sessions this week, with Year 3 parents being invited in to see what their children have been up to in their lessons. Both sessions were well attended; it was certainly a bit of a squeeze given the smaller size of the classrooms! Many thanks to all parents who attended. Next week we move on to Key Stage 1, with **Brunel** having their Ocean Math's session on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, followed by **Russell** on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** and **Fleming** on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** all sessions starting at **9.10am**. We look forward to seeing just as many parents in attendance!

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October we are having a parents meeting (6 – 7pm) about online e-safety. Mr Veli and I will be leading it, there is some content that is not child appropriate so please do not bring children with you. We will repeat this meeting in the future in a morning session for those parents who cannot get child care.

Some of our amazing Year 4 children were involved with a Write2Speak event at the Dugdale Theater on Tuesday this week, they spoke beautifully and were all very confident in front of a huge audience – today I have been to a Headteacher meeting where we shown 9 of the different children speaking (6 of these children were from Chase Side – I was so proud, again!)

We had our second of three boy's football cluster matches of the year on Tuesday this week. The boys drew in one game and the other two were close but narrow defeats. The Rugby Club had the opportunity to practice at Prince of Wales School today they had a lovely time and the mountain of washing for the weekend is now growing!

We are having the Scholastic Book fair arriving next week, it will be open during the days around and including our parents' consultations.

FOCs had one of their popular uniform sales this week and then had their Annual General Meeting, information about coming events are already on the school calendar so keep your eyes open. The FOCs Happy Bag collection is also next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Our Harvest collection is slowly growing, we have now found a very local foodbank supported by Christ Church that the donations will be going to, they are very excited and some of our children will be getting involved in organizing the food going to the foodbank, sorting the food and possibly helping with the distribution.

We will have a focus on celebrating Black History Month from Monday until we break up for the Half Term Holiday. Each year group will be studying a different area of focus related to Black History and we look forward to the children sharing what they have learnt about these important topics with each other throughout the week.

Next week in the coffee morning we have guest speakers from Chase Community in our coffee morning (a little bird has told me that I might recognize them!). Having a Secondary Headteacher come to a school to speak directly to our parents is an honour, so I hope that our Y5/6 parents make the most of the special visit.

Stronger Together,

Miss Scull