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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week and it has been good to welcome our Reception children all day every day. I am very pleased to say that the children have settled in very well and it was good to see so many Reception parents at our information evening yesterday. I look forward to seeing our Year 1 parents next Wednesday - more details below - and Year 2 parents the following week.

Parents Committee Meeting If you can help in any way, however small, please come and see me. Every little bit helps. New ideas are always welcome!

St Matthew's Feast Day Thursday 21st September was the Feast of Saint Matthew. The children looked great in their additional green items of clothing. We had a lovely celebration in the afternoon as a house - it was good to see children from all three year groups together. We will be celebrating the Feast of Saint Luke on 18th October.

Read with me From Monday 25th September the Reception Team invite you (or perhaps a Grandparent) to come into class when dropping your child to school on a Monday for 15 minutes reading time. This will become a regular Monday morning chance for you to read with your child, either a book you bring from home or one from the class library. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for 15 minutes at 8.45am every Monday. Sharing a book together is a great way to start your child's day in school and reminds us all of the value of experiencing a wide range of literature. The day of the week will change each half term, which will hopefully enable many of you to join us at some point in the academic year.

Class worship Our first class worship of the school year will be next Wednesday, 27th September, and will be led by Y2C. Parents and younger siblings of children in Y2C are welcome to join us for this worship at 9am. We hope that everyone will enjoy the opportunity to come and join us for this year's class worships.

Parent Tea Afternoon Our first parent tea afternoon of the new school year is on Wednesday 27th September from 2.30pm. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received in the school office - thank you in advance. This is a good opportunity to come and enjoy a cake and have a drink with other parents from our school family. Our pre-school friends are very welcome. There will also be second hand uniform available for sale at this time. All proceeds raised will go to support the MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning appeal as this is next Friday.

Information evening As I said above, it was lovely to welcome so many parents from Reception to the information evening this week. We hope that you all found it both interesting and informative. Thank you to the Reception teachers for their presentations. Next week the information evening is for the parents of our Year 1 children. The meeting is on Wednesday, 27th September, at 7pm when the Year 1 Team will share with you how the learning journey continues in Year 1. They will give you an insight into what your children have already been up to, what is expected of them and how a school day in Year 1 works. This evening is for parents only (children will not be admitted). It is also an opportunity for you to meet with other parents over a few refreshments. The evening will last no longer than an hour. We look forward to seeing you. Please return the attached slip to your child's classteacher so that we know how many of you to expect.

Open Classrooms We will be having Open Classrooms next week and look forward to seeing you in your child's classroom after school on Friday 29th September. This is a good opportunity to come and say hello to your child's teacher and see what they have been up to in the first few weeks of this academic year. For parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2, your child's new targets will be available to collect at this time – please come and see how you can support your child in the next steps in their learning as they start the new academic year.

School Meals We will be on week 1 of the menu next week, with spaghetti bolognese on Monday.

Headteacher's Awards



Week ending Friday 22nd September

Y2C Sonny Kelly

Y21P -Y2 Finley Morrell

Y1NT Jayden Deller

ROF Joshua Mercioniu

RG Harrison Briggs

Y2N Scarlett Robinson

Y1 Michael Bradshaw

Y1G Miles Kerry

RMN Edee Eldred

Attendance Cup This week's winners are ROF with the fantastic 100%.



Punctuality Bear This week's winners are Saint Luke's with 99.8%.



Think of a Question is a family challenge!

Thank you for all the fantastic questions sent into school this week. We have received so many questions, including:

'How do you avoid the sharks in the water?'

Sebastian, RG

'How did they build it? It is so strange.'

Harriet, RMN

'How do people get inside their houses?'

Mason, Y1NT

'What kind of boats would they use to get to the house?'

Rohan, Y2N



If you have not yet sent in your question, there is a speech bubble at the end of the newsletter for your question. This will be the last week with this picture.

Father Colin As I am sure you are all aware Father Colin will be retiring next month. We will be very sorry to see him go, but will be left with his wonderful legacy of love, care and guidance for the school community. We would like to make a presentation to Father Colin and if any of you would like to contribute to the school collection, please send your donations into school via your child's classteacher or the school office at any time, but by Friday 6th October. The presentation to Father Colin will be at his last school worship on Monday 9th October. We are also creating a *'Farewell to Father Colin'* book. Attached to this newsletter you will find a label for your message / memory for Father Colin. Please return these labels to school by Monday 2nd October. Thank you.

There is a lot going on next week, so I look forward to seeing many of you during the course of the week!

Yours sincerely,

C B L'Estrange

Caroline L'Estrange
Headteacher