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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey. We have had a huge number of responses and some very useful feedback. We will look at the collated information as a staff and let you know of any proposed changes.

Breakfast Club

Some of the regulars at breakfast club have asked me to mention that they are in the process of trying to beat a Guinness World Record. The record they are attempting to break is the longest continuous loom band. The band currently stretches from the school hall to the Christchurch Rd gate. If you arrive at school early enough, you will see them measuring it. The record to break is 1000m!

House Points

Congratulations to Venus for winning the House Point Cup this week. Current scores and running totals are shown below.

House	Week Total	Running Total
Jupiter	73	257
Mars	90	246
Saturn	96	273
Venus	100	258

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Louise W, Matilda H and Dylan C-W

3B – Isaac J, Raffey H-P and Francesca L

4H – Niamh C and Seth P-L

4DR – Ava M and Izzie J

5F – Amelia S and Albie W

5R – Katie B and Joshua M

6C – Louis L and Darcey G

6M – Evan H and Lorenza D

Outside Honours

Joseph T-S – Beano Competition Winner

Erin C, Jess H and Ilsa C - Netball

Oscar W - has been invited to join to the advanced junior academy class at Aylesbury and Distract Swimming Club at Stoke Mandeville.

Golden Broom

Well done to 3I!

Getting to know...Mrs Bourke (Debs!)

- What made you want to work with children?
"I wanted a job where no two days were the same."
- What was your greatest achievement at school?
"I won the Lewisham Music Festival playing a Chopin waltz on the piano."
- Where is your ultimate holiday destination?
"I would love to go back to Bora Bora."
- Which three of your possessions would you save from a burning building?



"Presuming that my three boys would escape themselves, it would be my phone, the dog and the kettle!"

- What is your typical Nando's order?
"I have only been to Nando's once so I don't have a typical order. I am more of a curry kind of girl."
- What are your hobbies?
"Playing and listening to music. Watching films"
- What wouldn't you do for 1 million pounds?
"Give up tea!"
- What is your main ambition?
"To see my three boys be successful and happy in life."
- Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?
"I was born within the sound of Bow Bells so am a cockney by birth."

Around School

Year 3 have been looking at the 19th century poem 'The Spider and the Fly'. They have all loved the poem. Year 4 have been learning how to send emails with attachments. Year 5 have been busy looking at teamwork within their PE lessons this week. Finally, Year 6 really got into the African drumming session yesterday. 6M have been looking at pulse rates in Science. 6C are still busying themselves with The Spiderwick Chronicles.

Buddies AGM

The Buddies are holding their Annual General Meeting in the school on Monday 15th October at 8:00pm. Please come along if you are interested in joining the team or are hoping to help out in some way. The Buddies are a fantastic group who do huge amounts to benefit the school. I'm told that wine and nibbles will be on offer!

Open Morning

A reminder that our first open morning of the year is taking place on Friday 19th October between 9.00 and 10.00 for parents and carers to have a look at some of our lessons. This open morning is going to have a Maths theme. Please feel free to come along and see us at work.

Harvest Festival

The whole school took part in Harvest Festival this afternoon at St Peter and St Paul. It was a fantastic event. Thanks to Mr Hall, Mrs Reeve and Father Huw for organising it.

Absences

Please could all parents make sure that they report a child absent for every day of their illness not just the first day. The absence line (option 1) is the best way to inform us if your child is going to be absent from school.

Important Dates

Mon 15th October 2018, 8:00pm - 10:00pm	Buddies AGM
Thu 18th October 2018	Year 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thu 18th October 2018, 9:00am - 10:00am	Year 4 – Road Safety training for parent volunteers
Fri 19 th October 2018, 9:00am – 10:00am	Open Morning
Mon 22nd October 2018 - Fri 26th October 2018	Fun, Fit & Fruity Week!
Wed 24th October 2018	Year 4 – Road Safety Training
Thu 25th October 2018	Year 4 – Road Safety Training
Fri 26th October 2018	End of Half Term – School closes at 3.30pm
Mon 29th October 2018 - Fri 2nd November 2018	Half Term Holiday
Mon 5th November 2018	Back to School
Tue 6th November 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services Surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Mon 19th November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed 21st November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thu 22nd November 2018	Year 5 – Egyptian Day
Wed 28th November 2018, 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Music Celebration
Fri 30th November 2018	Occasional Day
Tue 4th December 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services Surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Fri 7th December 2018	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Fri 7 th December 2018	Buddies Christmas Market
Wed 12th December 2018	Year 6 – Victorian Day

Wed 12th December 2018, 8:00pm - 10:00pm	Buddies Wreath Making evening
Fri 14th December 2018	Whole School trip to Pantomime
Mon 17th December 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Christmas Concert
Fri 21st December 2018	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website
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