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Dear Parents/Carers,

Weekly Newsletter Week 4

We are now half way thorough our first half term and it is incredible to see the progress that our children are making already. We are hearing so much more verbal communication and seeing meaningful interactions using communication tools, that staff are going home brimming with pride every day. I think one of my favourite parts of the day is lunchtime; to see every child sitting and eating and socially interacting with each other is wonderful.

Home- School Communication – MCaS (My Child at School)

On Friday, you will have received an email invitation to join the MCaS app from Tina. This is the system which we will be using to communicate with parents, will allow you to track your child's attendance and will allow parents to pay for school meals and other things such as any trips or activities so it is important that you please sign up. This is something which is used trust-wide and works really well, parents have given overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Could we please ask that the children's home-school books are still sent into school each day, we are still using these alongside Tapestry at the moment.

Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been 'good morning'

Good morning

SEN Dance Class

One of our parents has recently qualified to lead some SEN dance classes and is starting some classes from the 9th October. This would be a great opportunity for any of the children and although it is not linked to school or organised by us would still be a lovely and worthwhile thing for the children to be involved in if they were able to.



FLU Vaccinations

The immunisation Team will be visiting school on 18th October at 1pm

Please help us to protect your children and our staff by completing the consent form by following the information on the attached letter.

Many thanks,

Lauren Norton,

Head of School