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Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you are well.

3C Class Assembly

On Monday it was an absolute pleasure to welcome an entire group of parents into our school for the first time in eighteen months. The children and staff all enjoyed seeing them, as we were together treated to a lovely class assembly from Miss Carey and her pupils. The theme was Black History Month, which we are enjoying celebrating across the whole school. Such an important month for all our children – whether they be Black and Caribbean children, or not. For me the emphasis for us in school is upon recognising the contribution that the black community have made to British history. We celebrate this with the children because we know that contribution has been underplayed in the past. In this way, the school looks to play our part in making sure our black children know they can be anything they want, if they put their mind to it.

Fronter

Last Friday, we had some difficulties with Fronter – the online platform we use to support children and parents. Some of what the Y2 and Y6 teachers uploaded for the children to be working on, did not appear. I apologise for this. When the teachers concerned had been made aware of this on Monday morning, they looked to settle children's anxieties. Were this to happen again, please do not hesitate to contact me directly so we can attempt to sort things out for you before the new week begins.

Parent/ Teacher Autumn Consultations

These will take place remotely in November. We will be focusing on your child's attainment, progress and targets for reading and mathematics. You will be invited to book slots online soon.

COVID 19

We currently have four children absent from school because they have COVID 19. We do hope they are okay We are reminded regularly that the illness, particularly for children, is typically a mild one. Please remember that schools no longer notify classmates when a pupil has tested positive and the classmate is considered a close contact, who should then be tested - the Test and Track service do this now. A cough due to COVID is defined as 'a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours'. Please arrange for a PCR test if this relates to your child. They should remain at home until the result is received (please send the result to us via email). Any siblings

(brothers or sisters) of a child with symptoms should undertake a PCR test too but can continue to attend school whilst awaiting their result as long as they, themselves, do not have symptoms.

School Uniform

We have noticed that a small number of children have an incorrect item of clothing. I would be grateful if this could be put right.

Reading

Now that the GoRead App is becoming embedded, the numbers of children being supported by parents with their reading returning to typically high levels. Thank you.

I do hope you have a lovely weekend

Gary

Forthcoming Dates to note	
Every Wednesday until half term	Open Google sessions with the class teachers
13 th October 2021	Virtual author session Years 5 and 6
14 th October 2021 at 5pm	Year 6 Google Parents' meeting re. SATs information (via Google classroom)
14 th October 2021 at 6pm	Year 4 Google Parents' meeting re. Multiplication Timestables Check (via Google classroom)
15 th October 2021	Year 6 – deadline for deposit for Isle of Wight trip 2022
18 th October 2021 at 2.45pm	2D Class Assembly in school hall (parents welcome)
19 th October 2021	Flu vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)
22 nd October 2021	INSET day – school closed to all pupils
25 th to 29 th October 2021	Half Term break – school closed
1 st November 2021	Children return to school Feast of All Saints' Mass