



## A Message from Mrs Kee

I have been so impressed this week with the children's positive attitudes and kindness. During the Merit assemblies today, the children were able to explain why they have brought food into school for harvest and how it will help others. In addition, they demonstrated how they show pride and happiness for their peers when they received the Merit award. Rather than being upset that they didn't get an award, they smiled and gave the children that had been awarded with a certificate their thumbs up and beautiful smiles. I felt very proud of them all.

This week Year 2 children have been creating their very own disgusting sandwiches – I certainly won't be tasting one of those! This was following work the children have been doing in relation to the book 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. They have been writing about the characters and planning their own disgusting sandwich, which they got to create this week – I think their faces say it all – yuck!

Popping down to Reception today, I saw that the children had earned their Golden Time this week and had chosen to have cinema time! They enjoyed watching a film with popcorn. Well done for earning such a lovely reward! In Year 1, the children chose a range of activities and I was pleased to see how well they were sharing and taking turns with the resources, emulating our value 'We care' and following our Golden Rules.

Next week, we have parents' meetings on Monday and Tuesday and I was so looking forward to welcoming parents into school. Unfortunately, this time we have had to facilitate meetings virtually. However, I will be in school on both evenings for the duration of the meeting times and if any parents would like a telephone conversation with myself, please just email into the school office and I we can arrange that for you.

Have a great weekend, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole School (this week)	95.17%
Reception	90.77%
Year 1	97.29%
Year 2	97.51%



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week.

These children have been awarded a Merit certificate this week for following our Golden Rules, showing our school values or demonstrating the star learner principles. We are very proud of you! Well done!



Congratulations to **Woodpeckers** for being the class with the highest attendance this week again! Well done on your fantastic attendance this week.

**Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.**





## Food Bank Donations



Thank you very much to all of our families that were able to donate food for the local food bank, showing our community that 'We care'. We talked in our assembly today how the children have been so kind to think about others and ensure that others can benefit from their generosity.



We had a large amount of food donations (see opposite) which Mr. Bill will be delivering to the food bank for us – thank you Mr. Bill!

Videos of the Harvest songs have been shared. If you do not know your child's Teams login to view them, teachers are adding a sticker in the children's homework books on Monday so that you have their information when they come home again on Wednesday.

## Attendance and Punctuality Praise!

We are pleased that, following our messages about punctuality last week, we have seen an improvement this week. Thank you to parents for getting children to school on time so that they can get themselves ready and settled to start their learning.

Our whole school attendance has improved, increasing from 94.62% last week to 95.17% this week. You are all helping us to work towards our aim of increasing our attendance percentage before we break up for half term. Well done!

## School Photographs

Tempest Photography were in school this week. The children were so smart in their uniforms, their behavior was excellent and I am sure the photographs will be beautiful. The company will be contacting Miss Evans, in the school office, next week to make arrangements for how parents will receive their child's school photographs and she will ensure that parents have all the information required.

## Parent Survey

In the newsletter last week, I said that I would be producing some feedback from the comments (strengths and areas for development for the school from a parent perspective). I have started this, and it will be ready to share with you next week.





## Marvellous Me - Prizes

Thank you to our parents for downloading and using Marvellous Me. This is now our main source of messaging and sharing praise for children. We have created a prize list so that, as children reach certain milestones for Thumbs Up points, they will receive prizes (opposite).

You won't get 'pinged' when your child receives a Thumbs up, but you can check their Thumbs Up counter on your app.

### 'Thumbs Up' points

**15** Marvellous Me badge shared on Marvellous Me

**25** Sticker sheet

**50** Pencil (or similar small prize)

**75** Class prize box choice

**100** SLT prize box choice and 100 'Thumbs Up' certificate

**125** Surprise reward with the Headteacher and Marvellous Me Headteacher Award



## Important Information about Parents' Evenings

Parents' meetings are via Teams this year and I am sure you are looking forward to hearing all about how your child has settled into their new class. It will be important for meetings to run on time so please do stick to your scheduled meeting time. Please do not think teachers are being rude if they have to end the meeting in order to start the next scheduled slot. This is to ensure that everyone has a fair chance of meeting with their child's class teacher.

## Non-school uniform day

The last day of this half term will be on Thursday 21st October, as we have a planned INSET day on the Friday. The PTA has suggested that a non-uniform day on this date would be a great start to their fundraising this year. Children can come to school dressed in clothes that represent Autumn, Autumn colours or Halloween. This is also in line with Edge Hill, who have organised a dress up day on the last day of the half term. As a reminder, the children will return to school on Monday 1st November.





# Dates for your diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

### Autumn Term 2021

**Inset day:** Wednesday 1 September

**Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

**Half Term:** Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

**Term ends:** Friday 17 December

**Holiday:** Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

### Spring Term 2022

**Inset day:** Tuesday 4 January

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 5 January

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

**Term ends:** Thursday 7 April

**Inset day:** Friday 8 April

**Holiday:** Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

### Summer Term 2022

**Term starts:** Monday 25 April

**May Day:** Monday 2 May

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

**Term ends:** Wednesday 20 July

**Holiday:** Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

## Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

## What's Coming Up?

**Curriculum Morning (Reading focus) – Year 1 and Year 2 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Parent and Toddler sessions begin on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September (9:00am-10:30am)**

**Y1 Packington Farm trips -**

**Ladybirds – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Busy Bees – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Dragonflies – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Coffee and cake afternoon – 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tempest individual school photographs in school – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October (No family photographs)**

**Harvest Assemblies – YR, Y1, Y2 – Recorded songs and poems shared by class teachers by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parents' Meetings – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (via Teams)**

**Non-school uniform day** (raising money for school funds) **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.** Children can wear Autumn /Autumn colours / Halloween inspired clothes if they wish and donate £1 via Parent Pay

**Anti-Bullying Week** Theme: One Kind Word – week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Odd Socks day** celebrating individuality and uniqueness – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Speak Out Stay Safe (NSPCC) – YR, Y1, Y2 – week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Flu immunisations – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Christmas Carol Concert** at St Peter's Church – week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> December **TBC**

