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Dear parents and carers,

Can you believe that we are already almost half way through this half term? It's felt more like 'business as usual' this week, with a variety of routine events like our violin assembly where current students played to the school to encourage more to take up this beautiful instrument (don't worry parents, they will be putting on a performance for you later in the term).

We welcomed Year 5 parents in this week to share details of the Welsh residential trip that their children will be able to attend next September. Without wishing the year away, we also opened our doors to year 2 parents who came for a tour as part of our first open morning on Thursday, as the application process for year 3 places opens in a few weeks.

Next week we begin our annual programme of class assemblies and I can't wait to see Belgium's performance. We will also welcome lower school parents in for a stay & learn Maths session on Thursday morning and in the meantime, we invite everyone to attend the PTA's AGM on Tuesday evening from 7pm in the school hall; join them to find out what is planned, share your ideas and find out ways in which you can help support the group.

Please see the following page for details of key reminders and information.

Enjoy the weekend.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Reminders this week:

- Please return your 'Bushcraft' residential slips to indicate if you are interested in attending the information meeting – for all year groups – on 8th October.
- OFFICE HOURS – please do try to avoid calling or dropping things in during the hours the office is closed (9.30-11am & 1.15-2.30pm). The standard answerphone is available at all times.
- Children should not use the playground equipment after school and scooters/bikes must not be ridden on the playground.
- Once again please can we ask all those who drive to school to take a considerate approach to parking. In wet weather particularly, the conditions can make visibility particularly challenging.
- Please ensure your child has all they need for the day each day, including snack money, packed lunch, PE kit, after school clothes etc as appropriate so we do not have to disturb you to ask for it.
- Reading records should be kept in children's bags so that they can be marked and added to in class as necessary.
- Please be vigilant and ensure you check children's hair regularly for head lice.

Key information sent out this week:

- New 'Bushcraft' residential meeting letter sent to all year groups
- Rotary Club shoe box appeal – *more spare boxes expected in early next week*
- Lower school stay & learn maths meeting letter
- Year 5 Residential 2020 deposit letter
- Year 6 height & weight information by email
- ABC club – October half term flyer
- Apple Day colouring picture
- Home learning (sent last week) and attached again now
- All children should have their Times Table Rock Stars login now in their reading records – please encourage them to use this fun resource at home.

Key dates next week:

- **Tuesday 1st October 9am:** BELGIUM class parent performance – please sign in at reception
- **Tuesday 1st October 7pm:** PTA AGM – All welcome, refreshments available
- **Thursday 3rd October 9am:** Lower school stay & learn maths meeting (previously stated 1st October)

NB: Lower school will be bringing spellings home next week