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Dear parents,

Learning

Learning in Full Swing!

Last week, I had the pleasure of spending extended time in every classroom, watching our children hard at work and thoroughly enjoying their learning. It was wonderful to see the quality of teaching across the school – lessons were engaging, well-resourced, and full of energy and positivity. The atmosphere in each class was calm yet purposeful, with children demonstrating excellent focus and behaviour. I was incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and dedication shown by both children and staff. A huge thank you to all our teachers and teaching assistants for their ongoing hard work and commitment to providing such high-quality learning experiences every day.

Willow Class Go Cocoa Crazy!

Willow Class had a fantastic day out at Cadbury World yesterday as part of their topic on the Ancient Mayans. The children learned about the origins of chocolate and how it connects to Mayan civilisation, took part in a fascinating tour, sampled some delicious treats, and even enjoyed an exciting 4D cinema experience! Their behaviour was exemplary throughout the trip, and they represented our school beautifully. A big thank you goes to all the parent helpers who joined the visit and helped make the day such a success.

Caring

Governors in Action

We were delighted to welcome several of our school governors into Sherston this week. They spent time meeting with teachers, chatting to children, and observing learning in action. Our governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging the school to ensure we continue to provide the best possible education for every child. With inspection on the horizon, it is reassuring to have such a committed team offering valuable oversight and insight. We are very grateful for their time and support.

Get Well Soon Mrs Kingston

We wanted to let our school community know that Mrs Kingston is currently signed off work due to a bad back. We are all wishing her a full and speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to school soon. In the meantime, please be reassured that any questions or concerns regarding Special Educational Needs can be directed to me or through the school office, and we will be happy to support you.

Achieving

Team Spirit Shines in Rugby Festival

A huge well done to our Year 3 and 4 children who took part in this week's rugby festival in Minety, following on from a brilliant taster session run by Tetbury Rugby Club last Friday. We're delighted to share that one of our teams won the festival, while the other made it through to the semi-finals – an incredible achievement! Both teams played with fantastic teamwork and embodied the true values of rugby – respect, discipline, and sportsmanship. A special thank you to Mr Stewart for his hard work organising these events and to all the parents who helped with transport and support. This week, our final taster session took place for Reception and Year 5/6 today, and we're already looking forward to seeing our older children represent the school at the Year 5/6 festival next week.

House Points Heating Up!

Our new house point system has been a real hit! Each Friday in Achievement Worship, we share the weekly totals and celebrate the house that has earned the most points. The system is helping to reinforce our high expectations for learning behaviour, effort, and personal conduct. We encourage parents to continue conversations at home about behaviour – not just in lessons, but in how children treat others and contribute to our school community. Together, we can help every child take pride in being part of Sherston.

Together

Friends of Sherston School: A Brilliant Year Ahead!

Last week's Friends of Sherston School (FSS) AGM was a great success, with a fantastic turnout and several new faces joining the team. A heartfelt thank you to all parents who volunteer their time to support our school community. In particular, we'd like to thank Nicky Haenel and Chelsea Davis for their hard work and commitment leading the FSS last year – and for continuing their efforts this year. Together, we raised an incredible £11,000, which makes such a difference to our school. Remember, every parent automatically becomes a member of the FSS when joining Sherston. Whether you can give an hour or more, your support is always welcome. Please contact the FSS to find out how you can get involved and keep an eye on the exciting events coming up!

Apple Day is Almost Here!

Get ready for the Apple Day Family Zone!

Hot on the heels of our first ever Colour Run, the FSS is thrilled to announce our next big family event! Join us at **Sherston Village Hall on Sunday, 12th October** for a day packed with spectacular shows and activities. Expect the unexpected: magic shows, circus workshops, exciting animal encounters and so much more! Plus, there'll be delicious sweet treats and refreshments to keep everyone energised.

Don't miss out – our shows have limited capacity! Secure your spot and see full details and ticket prices via our SumUp store: <https://friends-of-sherston-school.sumupstore.com/>

Alongside the Family Zone, our friends at **Sustainable Sherston** will host an array of local stallholders selling fresh produce and crafts, along with apple juicing demonstrations. We can't wait to see you there for a day of fun, community, and celebration!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers