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Dear parents,

Learning

Ready, Steady... Learn!

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful half term. We are now entering the second half of the school year, which is always an important time for learning. Expectations rise, knowledge builds, and children really begin to consolidate all they have learnt so far. For our Year 4 children, this means securing their times tables up to 12×12 before the statutory check. Year 1 children are working towards their phonics screening, and Year 6 are preparing for their SATs assessments in the summer. Parents can make a huge difference at home by supporting daily times tables practice, regular reading, and the completion of weekly spellings. These small, consistent habits make a big impact.

Our Value This Term – Respect

This term, our whole-school value is **Respect**. We will be exploring what respect looks like in everyday life—respect for ourselves, for each other, for adults, for learning, and for our environment. Respect is a value that matters just as much outside school as it does within it, and we will be weaving it into lessons, discussions and wider learning opportunities throughout the term. We encourage families to talk about respect at home too, helping children to understand how their words, behaviour and choices can have a positive impact on those around them.

Caring

Caring in Action – Supporting Amelia

Well done to Edie and her Year 6 friends, who led an inspiring assembly earlier this week. They shared the story of Amelia, a brave seven-year-old girl receiving palliative care for cancer, who has set herself the incredible challenge of receiving 8,000 birthday cards for her 8th birthday on 3rd March. What touched everyone was Amelia's positivity and determination to keep smiling through such difficult circumstances. Today, we have been collecting birthday cards in school to send to her, helping her towards her record-breaking goal. A huge thank you to every child and family who contributed—your kindness truly reflects our value of *Caring* and shows how even small actions can make a big difference.

Achieving

Achieving Together Through Mud and Grit!

Congratulations to all the children who took part in last term's Cross Country event at Westonbirt. Conditions were extremely muddy, but that didn't stop our runners from showing true resilience, determination and team spirit. Despite over 100 children taking part in each race, we had a number of impressive top-20 finishes across the year groups. Every child who competed should feel proud of their efforts—they represented our school brilliantly while supporting each other every step of the way.

Together

Growing Stronger – Exciting Recruitment News

We are pleased to update parents on our current recruitment. Next week we will be interviewing for a 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant, followed by interviews for a new teacher the following week. We have been inundated with applications for both roles, which is extremely positive and reflects the strong reputation of our school. At a time when many small village primary schools nationally are reducing class sizes and staffing, we are delighted to be bucking this trend and continuing to grow. This would not be possible without the ongoing support, encouragement and positivity of our parent community—thank you.

Lucky Plate Day – A School Council Special!

Our School Council have been busy sharing ideas, and we are delighted to announce that their latest request—Lucky Plate Day—will take place on Monday 10th March. Children having a school dinner on that day will be able to look under their plate *after they have finished eating* to see whether a lucky sticker is hidden underneath. If they find one, they will win a prize!

We have some fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses, including £10 vouchers for The Angel Café and £10 and £5 vouchers (plus bookmarks!) from Barn Owl Books, alongside the chance to earn valuable house points.

At the School Council's request, our caterers will be serving a special hot dog lunch (with vegetarian hot dog options available), followed by ice cream for pudding.

If you would like your child to take part, **please ensure that their school lunch is booked by Wednesday 4th March**. As ParentPay doesn't allow us to make changes to individual days on the menu, you won't see the special themed menu displayed on the options for Tuesday 10th March. Please read the ParentMail (26/02/26) which explains how to book your child in for their preferred Lucky Plate Day meal choice.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers