

16/10/26

Dear Parents,

Learning

Learning to Speak Up

Over recent weeks, we have been spending time teaching children what to do if they experience, witness or hear about unkind behaviour. We felt it would be helpful to share this message with families so that children receive consistent guidance both at school and at home.

Our message is simple. If a child is unkind to you, tell an adult straight away. If you see a child being unkind to someone else, tell an adult straight away. If a child hears about unkind behaviour, tell an adult straight away.

Our aim is to help children understand that problems are resolved through communication, honesty and seeking support from trusted adults. We want children to feel confident that they do not need to deal with difficult situations on their own, and that reporting concerns is the right thing to do.

If you have any concerns regarding behaviour please do raise it either with your class teacher or myself.

Rhythm, Music and Learning

Today, children had the exciting opportunity to take part in samba workshops led by Jamma de Samba. Through drumming, rhythm and performance, children explored Brazilian music and culture whilst working collaboratively to create and perform as part of an ensemble. Music and performance are an important part of children's education. They help to develop confidence, concentration, teamwork and creativity, whilst providing children with opportunities to express themselves in different ways. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the day were wonderful to see. A huge thank you to Miss Harrison for organising this fantastic experience for our children.

Caring

Growing Our EYFS Team

We are very excited to announce that Miss Jenna will be joining our EYFS team as a Teaching Assistant, covering Miss Sammy's maternity leave. Jenna brings a wealth of Early Years experience and expertise, and we are confident that she will be an amazing addition to the classroom. We know she has quickly become a valued member of the team and is helping provide the nurturing and supportive environment that enables our youngest children to flourish.

Respecting and Caring for Our Belongings

One of the ways we demonstrate our value of Caring is by showing respect for our belongings and taking responsibility for them. This term, we have seen more lost property than we have for a very long time. Whilst we appreciate that our school has grown, the amount of unnamed clothing finding

its way into lost property is becoming a real concern. We would ask all parents and carers to ensure that every item of school clothing, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, PE kit and water bottles, is clearly named. Named items can usually be returned to their owner very quickly, whereas unnamed items often remain unclaimed.

Lost property will be displayed for collection on the final day of term. Any items that remain unclaimed after this date will either be added to our pre-loved uniform collection or recycled. Thank you for your support in helping children take pride in and care for their belongings.

Achieving

Celebrating Progress Together

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this week's Parents' Evening sessions. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate children's achievements, discuss their progress and ensure that school and home continue to work together to support each child's development. When teachers and families share information and work in partnership, children benefit enormously. If you were unable to attend Parents' Evening, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment so that these important conversations can still take place.

Team Spirit Shines in Netball Festival

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children who took part in this week's netball festival. We're delighted to share they were medal winners, coming third out of 12 teams! Special mention to Harry in Year 6 who received a 'golden moment' award for demonstrating fair play and a great approach to the game. Thank you to Mrs Stavri for supporting this event and to all the parents who helped with transport.

Together

Harvest Giving

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are once again supporting the Malmesbury & District Foodbank. Foodbanks provide essential support to families and individuals experiencing hardship, and every donation makes a difference. The foodbank is particularly seeking donations of long-life food items such as cereal, tinned goods, pasta sauces, UHT milk and toiletries. All donations should be delivered to the school office, and we will continue collecting until the final day of term. Thank you for helping us support those in our local community.

A Community Celebration

Thank you to everyone who attended last weekend's Apple Day. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces enjoying this fantastic village event, celebrating local produce, community spirit and opportunities to come together. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Friends of Sherston School for running the activities enjoyed by so many children throughout the day. We are also incredibly grateful to Sustainable Sherston for organising the event and bringing our community together for another successful Apple Day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers