

Dear Parents

Here we are at the end of another week - the time is just flying and October is nearly upon us. It's been another great week in school with lots to feel proud about. We now have a weekly 'Proud' assembly for our Year 1 and 2 children, which replaces our Achievement assembly. Your child may be one of the children to bring home a certificate this week - well done to all who have received one.

Year 2 have had a lovely day today making Gingerbread Men, following their own written instructions. The whole school smelled wonderful this afternoon and their hard work raised over £100 for new resources. We will soon be able to send you photos of the resources each year group has bought with the generous donations you made at the end of the summer term.

I have attached some information for you about 'Walktober'. This is a Hampshire initiative to encourage as many families as possible to walk to school. The attached leaflet has some wonderful ideas for ways to make walking even more fun and a competition to enter. Do have a look. Each class will have a Walktober board in their classes so that children can sign their name each time they walk to school. If you live a distance away you can always drive partway and walk the rest.

The week beginning October 5th will be 'Walk to School' week. This is usually held in the summer but for obvious reasons has been postponed this year. We have decided to have a special day on **Wednesday 7th October** which we are calling 'Wheelie Wednesday'. On this day children may bring their scooters into school and we will let them have a time slot in the playground to use them. Children may also wear 'scooter clothes' on that day - something comfortable with trainers - and maybe knee and elbow pads if you think your child might need them! We are asking for donations on this day please which we will put towards some new scooter storage to keep by the back gate.

I have also attached a leaflet on road safety as this may be the perfect month to make sure that your children know how to keep safe on the roads. One of our parents recently had a nasty shock driving down Mancroft Avenue when a child scooted out between two parked cars right in front of her vehicle. Luckily she was able to stop in time but it was a frightening experience for all concerned.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again next week,

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