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Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

Another week has whizzed by and the half-term holiday is only two weeks away.

It has been encouraging to see that pupil attendance has been strong this week. One class even scored a maximum 100% attendance. Having said that, we have had to hold meetings with some parents who have taken their children out of school for holidays during term-time. These meetings have sometimes been uncomfortable, as we have had to inform parents that they will receive a fixed penalty notice because of the amount of unauthorised absence (absences on medical grounds are authorised, but holidays are not). If the penalty is not paid, in the worst case scenario the parents may be taken to court by the Local Authority. We certainly do not want to have that happen to anyone in our wonderful Tweeddale community, which is why we will do all we can to support families facing challenges with attendance. Thank you for everyone's support in this matter.

This week we hosted a special workshop on travelling safely on public transport for our Year 6 pupils. We were also pleased to welcome parents and members of the local community to a coffee morning organised by the Wellness Warriors of St. Helier. There will be another coffee morning next month, so keep an eye out for details.

This week also saw the launch of the Running Club at Carshalton Boys. We had a large group take part and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We enjoy our collaboration with other local schools. Yesterday I was at a conference where I had useful discussions with colleagues from Green Wrythe Primary School and Victor Seymour Infants. We are all keen to work together to support this community and offer outstanding education.

Recently, the Sutton Music Trust awarded us their 'Music Mark of Recognition'. We are very proud to receive this award, which recognises the quality of music provision at our school. We have an active school choir, weekly singing assemblies and have previously held a Ukulele Club. In two weeks we will have our harvest festival, when the whole school will come together to sing harvest songs. We are looking forward to it!



Finally, I shared with you last week my excitement about the Astroturf finally being laid on our Ball Court. Unfortunately, after close inspection of the finished work, we have identified some safety issues which may put the pupils at risk. We have asked the company to remedy these and until we are completely satisfied that everything is safe for the children, we will keep the Ball Court closed. Everyone has been disappointed by this news - both staff and children - and we hope we can have the issues rectified as soon as possible.

I wish you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mr. Walters, Headteacher