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From Mrs D'Arcy

I cannot believe this is the final week of the term as we head into the half term break! I would like to thank you all for making me feel so very welcome as the Headteacher at Hardwicke. Your support and feedback is very much appreciated.

Thank you to those who were able to make the zoom meeting last Thursday evening. It was really helpful to understand some of your concerns with regards to parking (drop off and collection). As discussed, it needs to be very much a community approach to making the necessary improvements and I cannot do this alone! A HUGE thank you to **TOM Norman** and his brother **WILL Norman** for their kind and generous act. Tom attended the zoom meeting and took it upon himself, to tidy up and clear the alleyway after it was discussed at length. Your kindness is very much appreciated! Thank you.

As discussed in the zoom meeting, we have managed to source a PE Hardwicke hoodie for a great price of £13.25 for age 5-11. Prices do increase for sizes beyond 32". It will hopefully make it easier and a more uniformed approach for when the children wear PE kit to school. Equally, I understand that it is an unnecessary additional cost for some families. Therefore it is optional. However, this price is based on a large order so please do support this if you can. The closing date for this order is 27th November. Further details on how to order can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' tab and 'Uniform.'

We are gearing up towards hosting parents evening next term. As a school, we secured funding from the DFE for '**TEAMS**' as a platform for communicating virtually and teaching remotely should the need arise. You should have been sent information with regards to how to download teams as well as a password. Once this is set up, it is a great and secure platform in order to hold confidential meetings. If however, you would prefer a telephone call, we will do our very best to accommodate this. The focus for this parents evening will be to discuss how the children have settled back into school, what gaps there may be and what we are doing to address these gaps. I will also email out an overview for the end of year expectations for each year group so that you know what we are working towards as a school. They will also be added to the website.

When we return after the October half term, please remember to send the children back to school in their winter uniform which includes a shirt and tie. Thank you for your continued support with this-the children do look very smart and well presented. It is lovely to see that they wear their school badge with pride.

We continue to try to improve the drop off and collection situation, especially for those at the main school gate. Therefore, from the start of the autumn term 2, **Children in Y4, Y2 and Y3** will line up in **alphabetical order** at the end of the day, which will hopefully make things easier for both staff and parents!

Some families will have been sent communication with regards to poor attendance. Whilst I understand that sometimes it is an uncomfortable read, being reminded about the importance of attendance, especially during this difficult period, we still have a duty of care to do so. As a school, we are held to account for the attendance of ALL pupils and therefore, we will continue to monitor things closely. If you have any concerns or worries about this, please do contact me.

Thank you, to everybody who was able to donate to the **Food Bank**—the food is being collected during the first week back of the autumn term. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Thinking ahead to next term, we are trying to decide a way forward so that the usual celebrations can continue, but in a **COVID** friendly way. Events such as Nativity, Carol service, Remembrance etc are very much at the forefront of our minds, so that we can share these special times with you. Once we have decided on a way forward, we will of course communicate this with you. If you have any ideas as to how we can make this happen-then please do let me know by emailing slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk.

During the half term break, please encourage your child/ren to read for just ten minutes each day! It is important that you record this in their Reading Record so that they build up their points towards receiving the Book Worm award! I wonder who will be first to get it!!

Please take time in this half term to refresh your batteries and enjoy some family time together! **Stay safe and keep well!**



Hardwicke-the school that SHINES

Congratulations to the following children for shining brightly



YRA	Mason Reynolds Sysum & Cruz Campbell	Evie Flook & Lily Collins
YRB	Dolly Panting & Mason Reynolds-Sysum	Kai Jenner & Lizzie Clapton
Y1S	Keir Fletcher & Jack Jadali	Ffion Lewarne-Shortman & Piper Davis
Y1B/S	Ava-Rose Gaulder and Matthew Ellins	Maja Zbanyszek & Pandora Potter
Y2K	Nesiah Gbejewoh & Cole Campbell	Effie McGuinness & Amari-Dean Golden
2H	Oscar White & Andy Nastase	Oluwapemisire (Nathanial) Oladele & Harley Rymer
Y3W	Summer Tyack & Rowan Jaggard	Felix Harmon and Beau Thomas-Palmer
Y3M/R	Coral Harper & Lucas Workman	Lilah Tanner & Polly Green
Y4C	Erika Barnes & Jack Mackenzie	Kira Rostas & Kasia Korpusik
Y4G	Anthony Kuchajewicz & Elena Harrison	Lily Parsons & Shay Banks
Y4W	Ava-Mai Corbally & Finley Hayward	Summer Richards-Addis & Zak Seymour
Y5P	Emily Carne & Luca Hudman	Heidi Crowther & Luke Brown
Y5H	Preia Challenger & Harrison Boyce	Max Sutton & Sophia Harper
Y6W	Raiden Pun & Charlie Tutt	Gabi Sciglio-Pitt & Felicity Farr
Y6H/J	Gabriel Gomes and Mason Smith	Katie Caddocke & Adegbeye-Ayegbe



COVID SYMPTOMS

Procedures at Hardwicke

If a child displays:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature (37.8°C) - they will feel hot on their head and back
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Then we will contact parent/carer. Please come and collect your child as soon as you can. You will be asked to take any siblings with you.

Next Steps

- Whole household should isolate
- Book a test for the child with symptoms
- If Positive-the child needs to isolate for **10 days** and the household for **14 days**
- If negative-please return all children to school assuming they are fit and well.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS



E-Safety

Please ensure that you know what your child/ren are accessing on the internet. Several children are playing on games that are not age appropriate



Attendance

Attendance for the week is 98.2%

For the term is 97.5%



Reading Recommendations!

Reading is THE most important skill-it opens the doors to all other learning! For each newsletter, the team here will be sharing their book recommendations with you!

Key Stage 1 recommendation

Amazing Grace

By Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch

Key Stage 2 recommendation

Bright Storm: A sky-ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy



In our thoughts and prayers

For all of our family and friend that may be struggling at this time. May God give them strength and courage

