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Dear Parents / Carers,

I just wanted to let you know how well all our children have settled back into school life. They have shown real resilience and perseverance. We should all be very proud of them. With everyone back, the building now feels like a school again, which is wonderful.

We are also delighted to welcome our two new janitors Mr Fox and Mr Park. We look forward to working with them to ensure our school environment is kept to the highest standard.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey with regards to us funding a fun filled activity day in June. The majority have suggested £20 per family. For this we will supply various activities (all within Covid restrictions) and food to celebrate the end of a different school year. Ms Napier will contact you all with more details next session.

During Lockdown I was amazed and delighted to see the fantastic work everyone was producing. Everyone all did their best and really pulled together as a team, supporting each other just when it was needed. I would like to thank everyone for all their efforts. It is hoped that this ethos of us being "one team," is how we will move forward as we continue to recover from the pandemic lockdowns. To allow us to celebrate this work we have decided to change our Golden Jotter Assemblies. We will now call them, "Going for Gold." Each month children and adults' work and effort can be recognised and rewarded under three different categories.

A Bronze certificate will be awarded to a child who has achieved their own individual target.

A Silver certificate will be awarded to a child who has demonstrated any of our learning dispositions in their learning, (resilience, perseverance, making links, good communication, to challenge yourself or being independent). We will be sharing more information about these after Easter.

A Gold certificate will be awarded to a child who has shown by their actions they are living by our HEART Values (Honest, Extraordinary, Aspirational, Respectful and Trustworthy).

This will allow us to celebrate, as a community, our values which is what defines us as we strive to be excellent every day, in very way.



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I would like to share a poem with you that reminds us that, all our children are achievers in so many ways. Often in ways that we are not able to capture or record.
Please share this with our children to remind them of how special they are to us all. They so deserve it for the effort you have put in.

I SEE YOU.

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year, I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up every day and you go, I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart reach out in any way to another person or to an animal in need or in pain, I SEE YOU

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that, I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try every day to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year, as I will with our beautiful children. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a hall of applause to be seen.

I SEE YOU.

I wish you and your family a lovely Easter break.
Keep safe and look after each other.

Kindest regards

Jacqui McBurnie
Head Teacher