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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week. This week has been busy as we completed many activities in preparation for new projects after the half term. Each class has focused on activities related to Black History Month and the theme of changing the narrative.

On Tuesday, we participated in the "Great Big Live Assembly for Black History Month," along with 11,000 schools across the country. The assembly centred on how we can ensure everyone feels safe in schools and our community and honouring heroes: past and present. The children had the opportunity to hear from BBC children's presenters, award-winning authors, and influential black figures from Britain.

Mental health day

Last Thursday, we observed World Mental Health Day, where we discussed ways to support our well-being during our school assembly. I asked Andy Chrich to provide us with passages from the Bible and prayers to offer comfort in times of need. Andy kindly shared several, and I would like to share one with you:

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

PRAYER: "Dear Lord, thank you for being with me wherever I go. Your presence gives me the confidence to be strong and courageous even when I have anxious feelings. Help me not to be worried or discouraged, but to remember that you are with me, giving me peace of mind. In Jesus' name, Amen."

PGL Trip

The Year 6 children had a fantastic time on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight. They developed new skills, built lasting friendships, and demonstrated resilience and courage while having a lot of fun. We loved seeing the photos from the trip throughout the week! Thank you to all the parents and carers for encouraging your children to attend. We know that residential trips offer a well-rounded experience that fosters personal growth, enhances social skills, supports academic development, and promotes physical well-being, all while creating lasting memories.

A huge thank you from me and Mrs Read to Mr. Goldie-Scot, Mrs. Slack, and Emily for dedicating their time and effort to make the trip possible.





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As always, please feel free to speak with me about any issues, such as homework, school lunch, or playtime. I am usually at the gates most days, or you can email the office. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Quiz night

Thank you very much to the FOSJ organisers for hosting an excellent evening last night. Some parents looked quite tired this morning, but I hear it was a wonderful event. Events like these are what makes this community so special.

Key Dates

Friday 25th October - INSET Day - School will be closed for children

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half Term

Future key dates

Monday 11th November - School photos

Thursday 21st November - neurodiversity coffee morning (9:00 am). This is open to all parents.

Have a wonderful weekend.

With warm regards,
Ms. H. Khan
Head of School

