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Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of our Autumn term and what a term it has been! I mistakenly thought that this term would be easier returning after Summer with the easing of restrictions and guidance around isolating but it has proven to be far more challenging unfortunately. This term was affected greatly at the end of September and start of October with our large number of positive cases amongst pupils and staff and since the start of the term, we have hardly had a day where we have been fully staffed which has made things extremely challenging. Your support and understanding throughout not just the last term but the past two years has been greatly appreciated.

We are hoping for calmer times in the new year but honestly do not know what that will bring – we all remember the very late notice of schools not re-opening in January from last year but as of yet, we have not been informed of anything like this despite some stories circulating in the media. We can assure you that whatever the situation in January, we will inform you at the earliest opportunity and will ensure that the safety of your children, as well as their education, are our highest priorities. As it stands, school is planning to re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022 to all pupils.

I hope you all stay safe over the holidays and have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

Please have a lovely weekend and enjoy your Christmas,

Paul Quarry

Headteacher

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK PARENTS AND CARERS MEETING

In June, Year 4 will complete their multiplication tables check. This is a test that has been introduced nationally so every school in the country will be completing this with their Year 4 pupils. In the new year, we will be holding a meeting to explain the check to parents and carers and also demonstrate how Times Tables Rockstars can help your children to practice their multiplication fact knowledge and prepare them for this check. Please look out for the date, which will be confirmed shortly. We will need to see how guidance for schools changes in the new year before confirming whether this will be a virtual meeting or face-to-face. Any practising of times tables will help your children with this so if they have chance to use Times Tables Rockstars and practise these over the holidays that will definitely help your children learn and remember these facts.

CALENDARS

Thank you so much for all the donations we have received for Calendars. Hopefully they will have pride of place in your homes from January 1st! All money raised by calendar purchases, as always, will go directly back into purchasing art resources for school. We will be announcing the winner of the art resource pack in the new year.

Thank you all for your kind donations on Christmas Jumper Day also.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

School Christmas Dinner was a huge success and contained a special surprise for one pupil. Jacob in Year 1 had the 'lucky tray' and was the winner of an Amazon voucher – an early Christmas present for Jacob!

PLAYGROUND AND EYFS PLAY DEVELOPMENTS

At the end of January, we will be having some exciting, but extensive, developments being made to our playground. The design below shows some of the new equipment we will be having installed the week commencing 24th January (weather permitting). We will update you with regards this nearer to the time, but wanted to forewarn you that there will be disruption to the playground during this time. The works are expected to last between 24th January and 2nd February and we may need to alter the doors that children are dropped off to and / or picked up from during this time as there will be some disruption to the playground and the EYFS area. Despite the disruption, I hope you will see from the designs, that the work will be worthwhile and make playtimes, lunchtimes and PE lessons, far more active and enjoyable for the children.



Future developments also include: replacing the fence in front of the KS1 classrooms and around the tree; replacing the EYFS sand pit and creating a new school library.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

If you are interested in your child attending afterschool clubs in the Spring Term, please complete the electronic form below. As well as the sports clubs run by Frickley, Year 6 Booster Club will also be starting. As usual, the expectation is that all Year 6 pupils attend this club in order for us to help them prepare for high-school. Details of Year 2 Booster Club will follow shortly:

MONDAYS – Year 3 and 4 Kickboxing Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

TUESDAYS – Year 6 Booster Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

TUESDAYS – Year 1 and 2 Football Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

WEDNESDAYS – Year 5 and 6 Boxing Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

Booster Club can accommodate the whole class, however, the sports club places are limited in number so please complete the form as soon as possible if you would like a place at these sports clubs. Please remember, and discuss with your child, that we expect exemplary behaviour by all pupils attending any club.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUN1pOM1ZLMTVBNEU4WEcxQkFQT0dGU1dFTS4u>

These clubs will start in the second week of the Spring term, week beginning 10th January 2022.

VALUES, RULES AND BEHAVIOUR POLICY REVIEW

Please see below for the link to our behaviour survey. We would be grateful if you could complete this to help us gather thoughts and opinions about how we can improve behaviour systems and communication regarding behaviour in school.

SO FAR, WE HAVE ONLY HAD 3 RESPONSES TO THIS SURVEY. THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS AND CARERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THIS BUT WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE MORE COMMENTS AND INPUT REGARDING THIS TO HELP US TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE THIS IN THE FUTURE. IT WILL ONLY TAKE 5-6 MINUTES TO COMPLETE.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUQzdLQVFORkJMTlowWDNVUEc2WEpEUTVCMY4u>

As part of our review on behaviour, which will genuinely consider different approaches to rewards and sanctions and the part that Golden Time plays in this, I would like to suggest forming a parent group (of at least 5 or 6 parents / carers) that we set up alongside myself and Mrs Morgan to meet up (it would have to be virtually initially) to gather parent and carer opinions and suggestions so that we can involve you when planning how we can adapt our behaviour systems, policies and procedures in the future. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please email me directly at Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES AND POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please can you make sure that you do not share the Christmas videos on social media platforms. As a school, we have permission from parents and carers to share the videos with you all, but you do not have permission to share them with wider public on social media platforms. We are relying on you to adhere to this request because if videos are shared without permissions, we will need to consider whether this is possible in the future.

We have sent a separate message out to all parents and carers regarding sending the videos to Roop Cottage for the elderly residents to watch. We had intended on taking some children down to sing in the grounds for them but have been unable to facilitate this due to the staffing issues we have experienced but also the changes in Covid restrictions. If you do not approve of this, please email the school office or myself to let us know. The videos would be sent to the manager who would then show the residents the performances.

Attendance – Autumn 2 – Week 7

Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	94.8%
1	90.7%
2	91.4%
3	92.6%
4	92.1%
5	92.8%
6	94.6%
School Average	92.8%

Target = 97%

This week, congratulations go to Upper Foundation Stage who were our attendance champions!

GOLDEN WORKERS

This week we have **RECOGNISED** pupils who have been **RESPECTFUL**.

Well done to all of our **respectful** pupils!

Golden Assembly - Core Values

	Respect being respectful being tolerant being kind			Resilience being resilient showing perseverance valuing self-worth	
	Responsibility being responsible being honest being reflective			Recognition showing appreciation taking pride	

Date:	Autumn 2 - Week 7 - Friday 17 th December 2021	
Year group	Pupil	Reason
1	Cora	For being a thoughtful, kind and polite member of our class who leads by example when using her manners.
2	Sophia	For always being very respectful in school and following our school rules.
3	Liam	For being a polite, kind and warm-hearted pupil who always considers the feelings of others and treats everyone with respect.
4	Sally	For always using her manners and being polite to her fellow pupils and all the members of staff in school.
5	Sophia	For being a polite, friendly and reliable member of the class. Sophia shows respect every day by listening carefully during lessons and doing all her work to the best of her ability.
6	Sophie	For being a kind, friendly and considerate member of the class, who always checks if people are alright.

DIARY DATES

FITZWILLIAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



DIARY DATES – Autumn 2 – 2021-22

DATE	EVENT
Friday 17 th December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 4 th January	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SPRING TERM

STANDARD ITEMS

Free School Meals Information

PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF PUPILS IN UFS, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 or YEAR 3

You can apply for income-related free school meals on the Wakefield local authority website:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>

You are now able to complete the form online so it really has never been easier:

<https://forms.wakefield.gov.uk/Forms/schools/freeschoolmeals.aspx>

If your child is in UFS, Y1 or Y2, they are eligible for Universal FSM but **you can still apply if you think you are eligible for income-related free school meals**. If your child is in Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals, please remember that this will stop when they move into Year 3 (**if your child has just moved into Year 3, this means that unless you are entitled to FSM, they will no longer received free school meals**), so please ensure you have applied if you think you eligible.

School receives additional funding for the number of pupils in receipt of free school meals and it has never been as important as it is now to try to provide crucial interventions to help pupils catch up – any additional funding will help us to achieve this goal.

MY SCHOOL FUND REMINDER

My School Fund is an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers to help boost our school budget. When families are connected to school, we can earn Card-Linked Rewards on your behalf as well as you pocketing some for yourselves when you spend with participating retailers including Sainsbury's and Argos. You can find out more online at:

<https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/Parent/login>

The more families we can get involved with the scheme, the more our school will earn in Card-Linked Rewards from your combined spend.

Have a great weekend,
Take care and stay safe,

Paul Quarry
Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBING SUPPORT

Wakefield I Can - Online resource for children and young people in Wakefield

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Hazlehurst Centre – sexual violence and/ or sexual abuse support

<https://www.hazlehurstcentre.org/>

CHILDLINE – Removing Nude Images

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

The Hideout – Domestic Abuse advice and support for children

<http://thehideout.org.uk/>

WDDAS – Domestic Abuse advice and support

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-people-services/domestic-abuse>

Relationship Matters – advice about parental conflict

<https://relationshipmatters.org.uk/>

Talk to Frank – Information about drugs

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Turning Point – Advice and support for drug and alcohol problems

www.turning-point.co.uk/wakefield

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/forensic-child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs/>

Young Minds

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Samaritans

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

The Children's Society

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

Barnardo's

[Believe in children | Children's charity | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/)

Winston's Wish

[Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](https://www.winstonswish.org/)

Wakefield Families Together

<https://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/>

ONLINE SAFETY

Parent Info – help and advice for families in the digital world

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Thinkuknow – advice and guidance to keep children safe online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

NSPCC – Online Safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Lego – Online Safety

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/digital-child-safety>

Net Aware (NSPCC) – Guidance about games and apps

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

CEOP - Child exploitation and Online Protection

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

OTHER USEFUL SITES / CONTACTS

Wakefield SEND Local Offer

<https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/Home>

STAR – Bereavement Support

<https://starbereavement.org.uk/>

ICON – Coping with crying babies

<https://iconcope.org/>

NHS – 999 for emergencies or 111

POLICE – 999 or 101 for non-emergencies

CHILD LINE – 0800 1111

SCHOOL DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS AND DEPUTIES

Mr Quarry



Mrs Morgan



Mr Downes



Miss Scott

