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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are nearly there with our new gates and fencing! Thank you for your patience while the work has been completed.

### **New Gates and Access**

Once the work is finished, the double gates leading onto Hodgkinson Street will remain closed for parents and children at the beginning or end of the school day. During a recent health and safety visit, this entrance was highlighted as a concern. The width of the gates means that a vehicle could potentially access the school site, and at dismissal it also created difficulties as children were trying to reach their parents while other families were walking through the same entrance. Keeping everyone safe has to be our priority, so we will be using the other pedestrian access points for arrival and collection. Thank you for your support and understanding with this change.

### **Reading – More Than Just Hearing the Words**

Reading continues to be one of the most important things you can do with your child at home. However, good-quality reading is about much more than simply listening to your child read the words on the page.

Try to talk about the book together. For example:

- *What do you think is going to happen next? Why?*
- *Why do you think the character did that?*
- *How do you think the character is feeling? What tells you that?*
- *What does this word mean? Can you think of another word the author could have used?*
- *What was your favourite part and why?*
- *Does this remind you of another book, film or experience?*

With younger children, talking about the pictures, spotting repeated words and asking them to retell the story is equally valuable. With older children, discussing characters, vocabulary, authors' choices and whether they would recommend the book helps develop deeper understanding. Even 10–15 minutes of regular, engaged reading together can make a real difference.

### **Contact and Medical Information**

It is extremely important that we hold up-to-date contact details and medical information for every child. During this week, parents will receive a Microsoft Form asking you to check and update the information we currently hold. Please complete this, even if you do not think anything has changed. It ensures that we can contact the right people quickly if needed and that staff have the correct information to support your child.

### **School Photographs – Friday 25 September**

Our school photographer will be in school on **Friday 25 September** for individual and family photographs. From **8:00am**, families will be able to have photographs taken with siblings who **do not attend Churchfields**.

Children who normally come to school wearing their PE kit on a Friday may come to school in school uniform and change into their PE kit afterwards if you would prefer them to be photographed in uniform.

### Stars of the week

|                      |                                                                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery              | Lucian Aston for settling in so well into nursery: well done!                 |
| Reception Mrs Clowes | Alfie Edwards for super number work this week                                 |
| Reception Mrs Nixon  | Bobby Challenger for super listening and learning                             |
| 1M                   | Charlie Thursfield for super writing this week                                |
| 2M                   | Lewis Lilley for a fantastic and settled week of learning                     |
| 2R                   | Albert Sargeant for having a brilliant attitude towards his work              |
| 3P                   | Ezra Smith for fantastic, thoughtful contributions in all lessons             |
| 3R                   | Eliza-Louisa Greenway for a super attitude towards her learning               |
| 4B                   | Jaxon Barrow for showing great resilience during our practical science lesson |
| 4K                   | Milena Warmbier for fantastic effort in all her lessons                       |
| 5B                   | Lola-May Brookes for excellent effort in her writing                          |
| 5S                   | Spencer Haden for always being a great role model                             |
| 6C                   | Oscar Arkle for a positive, resilient and responsible attitude to learning    |
| 6S                   | Lucas Fox for being a genuine pleasure to teach                               |

### PE Stars

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|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| KS1  | Arabella McDonald for being creative using different equipment |
| LKS2 | Eliza-Louisa Greenway for showing resilience in PE tasks       |
| UKS2 | Max Harper for demonstrating good net and wall skills          |

Reading Reward - £5 = Kylo Majid

Good to be Green Reward - £10 = Mary-Grace Cornhill

### Head Teacher's Stars

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|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NURSERY   | Lexie Kosturczak for being a pleasure to have in nursery                   |
| RECEPTION | Darcy Littleton for fantastic drawing and talking about what she has drawn |
| KS1       | Jaxon Taffe for making the right choices                                   |
| LKS2      | Lynn Carter for always making me smile                                     |
| UKS2      | Phoebe Knipe for showing the school values                                 |

### Attendance

Attendance best classes this week: 4B & 6S = 99%

Well done to Nursery, Reception Clowes, 2L, 3P, 3R and 5B who are above 96%

Whole school attendance for the week is 95%

| Team of the Week |       | Team of the Term, so far |       |
|------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| R                | 2,338 | R                        | 3,395 |
| Y                | 2,413 | Y                        | 3,439 |
| G                | 2,401 | G                        | 3,428 |
| B                | 2,375 | Y                        | 3,402 |

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It feels as though the first few weeks have flown by and the children have made a fantastic start to the new school year.

**Mrs Beardsmore**

Headteacher