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Dear Parents/Carers,

## September Newsletter

I would like to take the opportunity to write to you with a newsletter reflecting on our September, providing some current news and looking forward to the future.

### Our Learning

It has been a really successful start to the school year. The children can be proud of how they have begun their learning. The children joining our school in Willow Class have been a wonderful addition with their eagerness to learn and quick understanding of how our school works. There have also been big changes for children in Year 1, as they get used to a whole new curriculum and they have risen to that challenge excellently. It's also easy to praise our Year 2s who, especially with their enthusiasm and progress in maths, have really impressed us so far. Sycamore Class were celebrated by the staff at Tangmere Aviation Museum for their impeccable behaviour, politeness and attitude to learning. This is another example of how our school is so well-regarded in the locality. Key Stage 2 have developed their learning through some marvellous beach school sessions – remember to check our website for photos and updates of your class' learning.

Oak Class have begun the year as role models to the rest of us. For example, they lead us in our assembly discussions, they care for the younger children and they model following our Golden Rules. More visitors to the school (this time the 'Bikeability' staff) were impressed by our Year 6s. Finally, I had the opportunity to teach the Year 5s about neuroscience and how we learn. It was fantastic to see how honest, thoughtful and inspired they were to learn about their mindset and learning potential.

We have high expectations that our children come to school with a commitment to learning every day. And so far, we are impressed with how these expectations are being met.

### Mrs Colwell

It is with great sadness that we will see Mrs Colwell's last day with us as a Teaching Assistant when she retires on Thursday. Did you know Mrs Colwell started her job in 1992? That's 25 years of incredible dedication to the school and thousands of children who have been helped to learn, cared for and loved being with Mrs Colwell. We wish her every happiness, good health and look forward to seeing her again to help us in any way she can soon.

## FPTA

It was a real shame that the unpleasant weather meant we did not get to enjoy the annual 'Welcome BBQ' this year. However, it was lovely to see parents who managed to make it to last week's FPTA meeting. There is lots of excitement building for the 'Sparkle and Shine' disco on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Furthermore, there are exciting ideas developing around other fund raising events and helping Mrs Smith's vision for our outdoor learning space.

## School Grounds

It is important to remind everyone in our community of the rules that help make our school safe, welcoming and compliant to other external regulations:

- Please use the beach road gates to enter and exit the school rather than try and 'cut through' the staff car park. The car park gates should only be used after the main gates are closed.
- No dogs are allowed on the grounds.

## Harvest Service

I would like to thank everyone who supported our harvest service. The generous donations and packed pews made for a wonderful service.

## Absence

Thank you to all our families who do not take their children out of schooling for holidays during term time. I do fully understand how the economic demand for summer holidays make them so much more expensive in August but it is very important to understand the impact on the children when they are removed from learning during September.

Thank you for all the support and friendliness I have received during my first month in my role as Acting Headteacher. It's certainly different! I am enjoying the challenge and looking forward to the rest of the year. Thank you for all you are doing to contribute to our wonderful school community and the children's learning. If there is anything else you feel you could offer us, in terms of time or expertise please do not be shy about asking us about any opportunities for you to get involved with the learning at school.

If you have any concerns, comments or questions, please come and see me.

Kind regards,

Richard Weston

