



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a fantastic start to the new academic year it has been! As we head into the half-term break, we wanted to celebrate all the wonderful things that have happened over the last seven weeks.

We are incredibly proud of how quickly all our class groups have settled in. The children have done a brilliant job of adjusting to new routines, and it's wonderful to see the strong, positive relationships that are already well-established between the children, and between your child and our staff. This smooth and successful transition has been greatly supported by our incredible Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). A huge thank you to our Speech and Language Therapists (SALTs), Special School Nurses, Physiotherapists (Physios), and Occupational Therapists (OTs) including our partnership with Beverley at OT4Me. We thank them for their expertise and dedication.

This half-term, we were delighted to offer a range of parent engagement activities to help support you at home and keep you connected with the school:

- Makaton Refresher for parents
- 'The Toileting Journey' Part 1, in partnership with the NHS Bowel and Bladder team
- 'Means, Reasons and Opportunities' workshop, in partnership with the NHS SALT team
- Year 6 Coffee Morning to discuss the upcoming residential trip
- Stay and Play sessions for our EYFS classes

We love hosting these events, but we want to do better! After the break, we will be contacting you to better understand your needs. We are exploring if an alternative time for these engagement activities and events would be more suitable to help increase participation and engagement. Your feedback is really important to us!

We have another action-packed half-term coming up, including parents evenings, exciting educational visits, our Orchard Phase Christmas production, and the return of our wonderful School Christmas Fair! More details on all of these events will follow soon.

For now, please enjoy a restful and happy break with your families. If you get up to any fun or spooky Halloween activities, please be sure to share them with us via Tapestry—we'd love to see them!

Best wishes, Olivia

Upcoming Events ...

- Thurs 13th November Children in Need
- Fri 14th November Training Day **School Closed**.
- W/C 25th November Parents Evening
- W/C 8th December Orchard Phase Christmas Nativity



Please pop these dates in your diary. Consent forms have been sent home to those who have requested a cut, more are available upon request. Consent forms must be received by school prior to hair cuts taking place.

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