



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Dear All,

This week in school we have been focusing on kindness. We have been looking out for children using kind words, kind hands and doing kind deeds. Playtimes in a small school can sometimes be tricky as there are fewer children to play with and relationships can be more intense. That is why kindness is even more important and we all need to treat each other with respect. The children have really risen to this challenge over the week and it has been lovely to see them enjoying happy playtimes. Please reinforce this message whenever you can at home and in the park.

We are excited to welcome parents back into school and hope that lots of you will join us for the coffee afternoon and drop-in next Wednesday. We will make sure there is plenty of cake and biscuits, please do bring along younger siblings as well. We are planning an informal chat for the most part but will also talk through some of our plans for behaviour, playtimes and pupil culture this year.

We look forward to seeing you then,

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Pre-school:** Preschool have been busy learning and setting our Golden Rules this week. We have also updated our Catch it, bin it, kill it wall display and the children have enjoyed demonstrating to each other how to not spread germs. Our most popular game this week has been copy-cat which has helped us to follow instructions.

**Acorn:** Acorn class have continued to learn about the Great Fire. They have watched some interesting programmes and a Minecraft video of what actually happened. The children have been investigating the materials used for building houses in Tudor times and now. We have started learning a story about a journey down a river using actions and a story map.

**Oak:** Oak Class have been learning about how we deal with anger in PSHE and how to make choices about kind and unkind behaviours. The children have also been exploring the language of instruction and recipes, in order to create their own recipe based identity poem, inspired by 'The British' by Benjamin Zephaniah. They are still collecting and making materials for their mixed media collage as part of their work on representing themselves. We would also still be grateful for donations of newspapers, magazines and fabrics for our art work.



### This week's Hi-five awards go to...

**Oakley** – for super work in phonics

**Henry** – for retelling a story with puppets

**Ella-Rose** – for being an excellent secret superstar

**Bonnie** – for managing her stress bucket and making sensible choices

**Mason** – for drafting and re-drafting to improve his drawing skills

**Olivia** – for her excellent home learning about a visit to the gallery



### Dates for your diary

**Year 3/4 Forest School** – Friday 15th October

**Reception Phonics Session** – Monday 11th October

**Coffee afternoon & drop-in** – Wednesday 13th October

**Flu Vaccinations** – Thursday 4th November

**Banham Zoo Roadshow visit** – Tuesday 9th November

**Tempest Photos** – Monday 22nd November

**Don't forget** – the last day of term is **Thursday 21st** October.

**Parking** We welcomed Beat Officer Joey Mezzetti and his colleague on Thursday who were monitoring the parking and driving at school drop-off. We have had concerns shared with us about parents parking on the yellow lines, parking inconsiderately and speeding. Please drive carefully and helps us to keep our community safe.

**Drop-in** Don't forget the Reception phonics session on Monday and the coffee afternoon and drop-in on Wednesday 13th. Come along, have a chat and see what we have been up to.

