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Pupil Premium Funding

Each year, the government gives the academy extra money to support those of our children who are eligible for free school meals. At a recent governors' meeting, the governors reviewed how the money was spent last year. They also looked at whether this group of children had done better in class because of the extra money spent. More of our pupil premium children need to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths by the time they leave Key Stage 2 next year. That is our aim for these children. Therefore, we have taken steps to ensure they achieve that aim. We have also looked at how we can improve the early reading skills of our pupil premium children. Further information about how we will spend the money can be found on the school website under the "Our Academy" section. Throughout the year, I will be looking at the difference that this extra money is making to the progress of our pupil premium children.

Termly Assessments

Last week, the children completed their termly assessments. I was pleased with the children's attitudes during these tests. They applied themselves superbly and showed what they could do. The children should now have brought their assessments home. If you haven't received your child's assessment, please contact the office to speak to their class teacher.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Congratulations to year 5 for achieving 100% attendance last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95%	93.60%	94.64%	95.20%	85.19%	100%	98.15%	95.82%

Remote Learning

Thank you to all the parents and children who continue to send work to the teachers when they are unable to come to school. We have now had responses from more than 80% of our children who are working at home because they are self-isolating. If you cannot access the work online, please ring the office and we will arrange for work to be posted out to you.

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, the children celebrated anti-bullying week by taking part in special classroom assemblies. We reminded our children about the meaning of bullying and what to do if they felt that they were being bullied. The older children looked at the lasting impact of cyberbullying on a child's mental health and wellbeing. After one of the assemblies, Linda in Year 5 said, "Bullying is when you purposefully hurt someone and it is repetitive. This can be verbal, mental, physical and also online. Indirect bullying is watching bullying happening and not reporting it. Bullying can affect people's emotions. They could feel fear, anger or sadness". In Year 3, the children made anti-bullying posters and Mylie said, "It is important to tell one of our trusted adults in school if you feel that you are being bullied."

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

