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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reward Assembly: Wednesday 24th September at 9.00am

Our next reward assembly is on Wednesday 24th September, during which the following children will be receiving their reward certificates (except Reception children who will receive their certificates in class):

Class	Citizen	Learner
Frog	Scarlett Parker	Elijah Gray
Newt	Gwennan Brennan	Imogen Crossman
1Hedgehog	Edith Turner	Alice Peddle
	Herbie Hattsmith	Cameron Pickett
1Mouse	Regan Humphreys	Nate Watkins
	Daniel Pious	Amara Alexander
2Squirrel	Archie Wood	Finnley Breadmore
	William Bull	Ruthi Vinoth
2Otter	Remi Flitcroft	Noah Byrne
	Noah McGirr	Aria Foote
3Badger	Arla Reid	Sofia Barton
	Zachary Khondoker	Freddie Greenway
3Mole	Lydia Grove	Chloe Humphreys
	Luca Bryant	Jaxon Codling
4Fox	Joshua Urquhart	Archie Carrick
	Polly Brown	James Archer
4Hare	Tilly Apsey	Harrison Jenkins
	Darcey McLaughlin	Matthew Cook
5Rabbit	Joshua Simmonds	Khyia Gonzalez-Grimmond
	Frankie Flanagan	Alex Hart-Smith
5Deer	Alicia Dowell	Henry Rubio
	Laurie Lloyd	Florence Codling
6Dolphin	Jude Pease	Leila Sheldon
	Zacariah Fox-Matu	Evangelos Spanias
6Seal	Max Bartlett	Evie Fuller
	Elias Smith	Poppy Hall

Congratulations to all the children. Parents, carers, relatives and friends of children in Years 1 – 6 are welcome to attend the assembly on Wednesday at 9.00am.

Reception children will receive their certificates separately, in class.



Parent Teacher Discussions

The booking system for Parent Teacher discussions will open in ParentMail on Tuesday evening at approximately 6.00pm. Please book by Friday afternoon. Reminders will not be issued.

To book an appointment, please log into your ParentMail account & navigate to 'Parents Evening'. From here you select your slot with the appropriate teacher.

All appointments (**exception below**) will be from 3.30pm - 7.00pm on Tuesday 30th September (last booking 6.50pm) and from 3.30pm - 6.30pm on Thursday 2nd October (last booking 6.20pm).

Exception: Mrs Davies (3Mole) will be holding her sessions on Thursday 9th October. Last booking 6.20pm.

For parents/carers of children in classes with two teachers (Newt, 1Hedgehog, 2Squirrel, 3Mole and 6Dolphin) please note that you should only book an appointment with ONE of the class teachers, it is not possible to see both. Thank you.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Mobile Phone Policy

As it is the beginning of a new school year, it is an appropriate time to re-circulate our Mobile Phone Policy. Please would parents/carers read this and complete the form if appropriate.

Club Activities: Pick up and drop off procedures

We would like to clarify procedures for dropping off and collecting children from club activities in the morning and after school. When bringing your child to school for a morning club, please wait outside the main entrance until 8am, at which time the activity leader or teacher will come and collect the children and escort them into the hall. Please do not leave the premises until they have been handed over. Again, when collecting your child from an after school club, please wait outside and the activity leader or teacher will bring the children out to you. Thank you for your co-operation.

Harvest Festival: Friday 3rd October

Our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving this year will be on Friday 3rd October. We would be very grateful for donations of tinned and non-perishable goods that will be donated to a local food bank. We would appreciate any donations being brought into school on **Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 1st or Thursday 2nd October** to enable the Harvest display to be set up in time for our Harvest Assembly on Friday morning, where the children will sing Harvest songs and celebrate the yearly tradition.

Your donations of the following would be very much appreciated:

- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Rice
- Cooking sauces
- Instant mash
- Tea bags/Instant coffee
- Sugar
- Tinned desserts
- Cereal bars/biscuits
- Jams
- Fruit

Please check that all donations are in date, thank you.

Cold Packs

We keep cold packs to use for first aid purposes in school but they frequently go missing and replacements need to be purchased. If your child has come home with a cold pack due to injury, and you still have it at home please could you bring it in to school, thank you.

Reminder: No Streetdance Clubs Next Week

Please be reminded that there are no Streetdance Clubs taking place before or after school next week and children will need to be collected from school at 3.20pm. Thank you.

New Holiday Club: uKids

We are pleased to announce that Birch Copse has partnered with **uKids** to provide exciting and engaging **holiday clubs on site**. From October half term, uKids will run clubs **every week of our school holidays, Monday to Friday**, giving families reliable, flexible childcare and children a chance to enjoy a variety of fun activities.

We hope this will be a great benefit to our families, offering consistent provision throughout the year. Please see the separate ParentMail, sent out today, for more details.

Thank you for your continued support – we are really looking forward to working with uKids to bring this exciting new opportunity to Birch Copse.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Micklewhite