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Our exciting journey together has only just begun!

As each day passes, I feel as a school we continue to grow stronger together and daily improvements are having such a positive impact on all! The children and my colleagues across our school continue to share their talents and show great commitment to be the best they can be through our WE CARE vision, caring for each other, their learning and our school.

There have been so many exciting and memorable occasions since I last wrote to you on the 20th September, I thought I would highlight a few significant milestones in this edition of our newsletter.



Seesaw has been established and I hope you are enjoying seeing how your children are learning throughout the day. The teaching Seesall teams and children are also enjoying using the app, to share and extend thinking and learning.



Forest School led by Mr Cunningham and supported teachers, by all class continues to be a huge success and highlight of the learning week for all children. I particularly enjoyed the efforts of Hannover and Berlin classes this week in

Friday 11th October 2019

Scheduled Events

Tuesday 15th October FS1 and 2 Autumn Walk

Wednesday 23rd October KS1 trip to Bielefeld

Monday 28th October -Friday 1st November Half-term holidays

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November Parent/Teacher meetings

Wednesday 11th December **Christmas Nativity** Performance

Friday 13th December **Christmas Lunch**

Tuesday 17th December 1300hrs – School closes for **Christmas holidays**

creating shelters. The children demonstrated impressive working together, enthusiasm, ambition and enquiry! I wonder if their shelters will stand the test of time through a cold and wet German winter-maybe further reflection and improvement will be needed in terms of repairs!



Our Reading Den is now up and running, with the children visiting daily to change their home reading books. The Reading Den also features our own Bookflix display which the children are able to use for inspiration when selecting their next book. We would like them to review read books and to feature their reviews on Bookflix. At present, we are asking children from Year 1 – Year 6 to enter a book review into Mrs Young in our Reading Den. This is optional

and there is no obligation to do this for every book. There is a **monthly prize** up for grabs for all reviews

and as many reviews as possible will be featured on Bookflix, which can then be viewed by the whole school. Templates are available from our Reading Den or some children may wish to get creative with how they present their review. We look forward to reading all about the exciting books which have been read. Our first review competition is running and winners will be announced at the end of October. Happy reading! **Mrs Young- School Librarian**

We will be developing our use of Accelerated Reader and we look forward to sharing many exciting initiatives with you in the near future! Thank you to Mrs Young for her hard work in setting up the Reading Den, an inspiring place for all to read.

Merit points have also arrived! I am very excited to announce that individual WE CARE merit points have now started in school and the children will be challenged to be their best self in all apects of their learning. We are looking forward to celebrating merit milestones in our weekly Achievement Assembly.

Thinking about our curriculum - what we learn and the why?

The very talented teaching teams across our school have been thinking about our curriculum and what our Curriculum Drivers are. Our journey in developing a curriculum for the children which equips them for critical and active engagement with the challenges and opportunities of life; and allows them in the future to participate fully in a globalised society, and to secure a more just and sustainable world than the one they have inherited has begun!

We have identified the following Curriculum Drivers and during the coming weeks, as a school, we will be seeking the thoughts of the children and our community (yourselves), as to what we all believe is important and beneficial to teach within our unique school.

Shortly, I will be writing to you all, inviting you to share your thoughts on what is important in relation to our six Curriculum Drivers (please see below). We are looking forward to working with all to ensure a truly incredible curriculum is embedded within our learning community.



Fiji Day Celebrations 2019





We would like to thank all of our Fijian friends for an amazing cultural experience yesterday. We enjoyed song, dance, joy and lots of food, not to mention the fascinating Fijian artefacts. What a brilliant country and community, we are so lucky to share such experiences and value these greatly. A memorable and enjoyable day was had by all. Well done and thank you to Mr Sherwin and Mr Mahmood for all of their hard work and efforts throughout the day.

Continued School Communication of Excellence and Success

We will continue to communicate whole school events or messages using our Facebook page. On our Twitter platform, we will continue to share daily and weekly learning milestones. Both can be accessed using the links/details below.



https://www.facebook.com/groups/770605503085893/



@AttenboroughSc1 <u>https://twitter.com/AttenboroughSc1</u>

Deployment – We want to support you...



We are aware that some families within our community may be experiencing or about to experience deployment of a loved one. If this is the case, as a school we believe it's vital for us to support our children and families during such times. If, as a family you are currently, or about to experience deployment, please may we kindly ask you to share this information with us. We can then consider the best next steps in supporting all during such periods of change.

WE CARE - Headteacher Award Winners

Congratulations to the following learners for winning our **WE CARE Headteacher Award <u>Friday 27th September</u>**

Anna Parkinson, Je Mar Francois, Kean Howell, Nana Addo, Tyler Riley, Jack Durbridge and Yasmin Gurung.

Friday 4th October

Henry Burton, Keira Durbridge, Amelie Wallace, Emilia Glad-Hughes and Erin Eyles.

If your child is selected for a WE CARE Headteacher Award, you will be notified by Thursday lunchtime and invited to attend our WE CARE Achievement Assembly (every Friday at 1415hrs). Access to the school is via the main two gates within the garrison.

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to the following classes for winning our Attendance Awards in recent weeks...



Paderborn (Fs1)



Dortmund (Year 3/4)



Hannover/ Berlin (Year 5/6)

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support. Yours sincerely,

Mr. Chapman Headteacher