



Pupils of the Week

	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Zac	Harry	Hollie G	Hayden
Jackdaws	Casey	Tyler	Max	Sophie
Ospreys	Hermione	Camren & Durwin	Tamzyn	Rosie

Dear Parents

Another week flies by and we have had a whole week of Pipits staying for the whole day. They have settled in amazingly well and we are all very impressed with them.

The weather has suddenly turned distinctly chillier so please ensure that your child comes to school suitably dressed. We are still being asked to keep rooms well ventilated so windows and doors are open most of the time. A coat is required for playtimes.

MEAL TIME ASSISTANT

We are still advertising for a meal time assistant. The role involves helping to distribute school meals; supervising children in the classroom while they are eating and also being on duty in the playground - supervising, administering first aid, maintaining sensible behaviour and ensuring children are being safe. If you know of anyone who would like this role please ask them to look at the advertisement and application form on the website and encourage them to apply. The closing date is mid-day on Monday.

ROUTINES

I would like to thank everyone for adapting to the new routines – it seems to work really well and it is really lovely to see the children running down the slope into school with big smiles on their faces! The system has meant that the mornings have become super-efficient and the children arrive in school ready to learn (as soon as their hands are washed of course!)

Once we have settled in to the 'new normal' we will be looking into re-starting the Forest School visits. The staff have had several discussions about how best to incorporate Forest School activities into our curriculum and will let you know what we have planned in due course.

DOWNTIME

I hope that everyone found the information on 'downtime' useful last week. We have been very conscious of how long the children are finding the school day and expressing how essential it is for them to have time to relax in the evenings.

Now that we have settled a little, we have started to send home some reading material to some of the classes. Again, we are mindful that they have had a long day at school and need time to relax and do not wish to overload them at this point. We would suggest that reading is done a little later, once that downtime has been achieved – you will probably find that they are more receptive and keen once they've had a snack and a drink and time to unwind a little. And of course, bedtime is a perfect time for the adults to read to the children – a bedtime story is such a good way to end the day, some quality 1-1 time to bond and relax together.

Have a lovely autumnal weekend everyone.

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