

13th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

My thanks to those of you who were able to meet with parents last week as part of **Parent/Teacher consultations**. At this stage in the school year it is important to be clear of school expectations and areas of achievement we aim for your child to reach by the end of the school year. If you have not met with your child's teacher then please make an appointment within the next few days to do so.

The **Parents Survey** is currently available for your responses/comments about school performance. If you would like to complete one please ask a member of the office staff. All questionnaires are anonymous and in turn be used to gauge your perception of our academy. Once the survey is completed I will inform you of the results in due course.

Hopefully your views will be further gathered at this week's **Parents Forum** meeting on Wednesday, 15th November beginning at 8.45 am in the community building. The topic for this term's session will be "Questions from the staff".

Well done to our **basketball team** which came in second place in the Shepway Tournament last week. The children narrowly missed finishing first, due to "goal difference" but displayed great competitiveness and good sportsman like behaviour during the contest. A great result!

We will be holding a tag day on Thursday, 16th November to raise funds for **Children in Need**. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes on the day and make a 50p contribution towards this worthy charity. There will also be a **mini-**

beast exhibit in the school hall which your child can attend with a 50p donation for Children in Need.

I hope your child is reading at home at least three times a week as part of our **reading challenge** for the term. We aim to reward the class that has the most frequent home readers!

Well done to our children who participated in **Saturday's Youth Remembrance Festival** at the Leas Cliff Hall. Their performance was amazing. My thanks (as usual) to Mrs Driscoll for her sterling efforts leading up to and during this memorable event.

We are serving as a collection centre for **Pyjama Fairies** this Christmas season. This organisation strives to ensure that children in hospital over the holidays receive a bright new pair of pyjamas from Father Christmas. If you wish to make a donation, or find out more please note the flyer on the Parents' noticeboard.

Final reminder that **Friday, 17th November** is a teacher training day.

Finally, the weather is definitely becoming colder by the day. Hence, children are expected to bring **coats** to school every day and enjoy learning outside the classroom.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher