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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Carer Meetings - Thank you for attending your child's meeting with the class teacher this week; we hope that you found the meetings informative. We were surprised that there was low attendance for pupils in Year 6 as this is such a pivotal year for the pupils. We would be interested in finding out the reasons for this, e.g. inconvenient time of day, so that we can ensure that we are able to meet the needs of more parents in the future.

Friends AGM - Please find attached the minutes of the Friends AGM. Plans are already underway for the first two events: the sponsored fit-a-thon next week and the quiz night on the 19th October in the Three Horseshoes (more information to follow shortly).

Sponsored Fit-a-thon - Next week we have our sponsored event on Wednesday morning. Please make sure that your child comes into school already dressed in their sports kit and trainers with a bottle of water. They will also need to bring in their sponsor forms so that they can be stamped on completion of the event. Money does not need to be collected until after the event.

Maths - This year one of our priorities in the School Improvement Plan is Maths and in particular embedding Maths Mastery. There has been a shift since the new curriculum was introduced with more emphasis on problem solving and reasoning (fully understanding relationships in number and being able to make links). Attached you will find a link to some videos which we hope that you will find useful in supporting your child at home to develop their love of maths.

Photographs on the website - We take photographs of the children as they enjoy their learning in school. Mr Piper puts these on the school website for you to view regularly so please do take a look. You will need to access the secure section of the website which you can access via a link. The link you will need is being sent by ParentMail.

100 Club - Congratulations to the winners of the August 100 club, which was drawn at Good Work Assembly on Wednesday: Pauline Tompkins, Sean Boyd and Pete Mayo.



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Breakfast Club - Last term we investigated the possibility of starting a Breakfast club using an outside provider. Unfortunately there was insufficient interest at the time. With new pupils in the school, and the possibility that a Breakfast club could be run by volunteer parents, I am again sending out a questionnaire to gauge interest. I would be grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire and return to school by the end of next week. If there is sufficient interest, and there are enough parent volunteers, we could trial a Breakfast club for this term.

Good Work Assembly - What a wonderful first Good Work Assembly we had this week, which was well led by Amber and Lewis.

Our new Reception children wowed us all with their knowledge of the phonic sounds that they have learnt so far.

Children in the Boats class told us all about their favourite fantasy stories.

Class 3 have been designing posters for Bridport MindFest which they shared with us.

Class 4 have been thinking about the skills that are needed to be a really successful learner and they also shared their posters with us.

We celebrated achievements outside school too. Well done to our children who achieved swimming certificates - George, Toby, Ruben and Jaxon. Well done to Callum who received a certificate from Cub Camp for being the most caring and politest cub. Elsie achieved her certificate from the library for collecting ten stickers and finally Toby and Jack shared their rosettes and photographs from the competitions they won with their sheep at the Melplash and Dorchester Shows. Well done everyone!

Thank you! - I would like to say a personal 'thank you' for your support, warm wishes and donations to my fundraising page when I took part in the Bristol Half Marathon last Sunday raising money for the cardiac ward and intensive care unit at Bristol Children's Hospital - a charity close to my heart. I have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and the generous donations have meant that I raised over £1500!

Yours sincerely,

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