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Dear Parents/Carers

Please find detailed below some key information and updates.

British Science Week: Last week, the entire school enjoyed celebrating 'British Science Week'. Pupils took part in a number of investigations and activities linked to the theme of 'Curiosity: What's Your Question?' This included a 'Science Career Fair' for our Year 5 and 6 pupils where a number of parents/carers visited in order to offer in insight into their chosen professions. My thanks to Mrs Wright (Science Leader) for leading the school initiatives. It was great to see our pupils apply their critical thinking, problem solving skills and wonderful curiosity. For more information, please see the following link:
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org>

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel: Thank you for your support with 'Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel', the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge, which runs until the end of term. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the highest percentage of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting and cycling to school, whilst learning about the benefits of active travel along the way. It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling actively to school and is a simple way to boost their physical and mental health. My thanks to Mrs Barrett (PE Leader) who kindly organised a scooter and skateboard workshop to launch the event.

Pupil Wellbeing Survey: We have analysed the pupil wellbeing questionnaires, which were completed by children just before the half-term week. These were overwhelmingly positive throughout the school, with pupils responding enthusiastically to the key themes of school, friends, hobbies, etc. Our actions will complement the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum, which runs throughout the school.

Staffing: As you will be aware, Miss Braund has been on maternity leave and I am pleased to inform you that she will be returning for the summer term to our Year 5 class. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with Mrs Hall, who has been an absolute asset to the school. I would like to thank her for all she has contributed to Mandeville over the last two terms. Miss Braund and Mrs Hall will be liaising next week to share key information, and Miss Braund will be spending some time meeting our Year 5 children.

Sadly, this term we are saying goodbye to both Mrs Pegrum and Mrs Letch. It has been a pleasure to work with both members of staff. Mrs Letch has worked for two afternoons in Nursery and both ladies have been a much valued part of our SEND Team. They will be really missed by pupils and staff alike. I would like to thank them both for all they have contributed to Mandeville and wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Red Nose Day: Thank you for taking part in the Red Nose Day activities today, organised by the Mandeville Action Takers. Monies raised will be used to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now across the UK and around the world. For further information, please see the following link: <https://www.comicrelief.com/homepage/>

Snacks: A polite reminder that, in order to support our healthy eating agenda, the snacks that children bring in at breaktime should be either fruit or vegetables.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

