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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are keeping well. It certainly feels as though autumn has now arrived! For your information:

Shared Reading Sessions: Thank you so much for attending the Parent/Carer and Pupil Shared Reading sessions we have held so far. We still have many more to look forward to next week, as well as the Early Years Coffee Morning. It is wonderful to welcome you into school and to share some key strategies on how you can support your child in reading fluently, with good understanding and confidence.

Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultation Sessions: We are looking forward to the upcoming consultation sessions. You will soon receive an email regarding how to book your slot. Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries. Please note that children are very welcome to attend the meeting with you.

Curriculum: At Mandeville, we are constantly reviewing our curriculum in order to provide pupils with excellent learning opportunities. Key information is available on our school website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Here you will see a number of key documents, which we hope you will find useful.

Enterprise Week: I am delighted to inform you that pupils will be taking part in 'Enterprise Week' the week commencing 20th October. The children will be taking on the roles of market researchers, designers, advertisers and manufacturers! The key aim is to provide a meaningful context for children to apply their mathematical knowledge, as well as develop their understanding and appreciation of business and finance. We are sure that the pupils will gain a great deal from the experience, including developing key skills of decision-making, creativity, resilience and collaboration.

Book Fair: The Book Fair will start today and will be continuing next week from Monday to Wednesday. My thanks to Mrs Wilson (English Leader) for organising the event and staff for supporting.

Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge: Please see the following message from Sunny and the Town Council:
"Thank you for taking part in this year's Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge! All your walking, scootering, cycling and park & striding to school makes a real difference to our town's air quality, helping make it cleaner, healthier and safer for everyone. Please let us know if you have any feedback on the week, including on Air-Mazing Saturday if you attended, by contacting us at info@sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk. Plus don't forget to visit Sawbridgeworth Library to claim your bookmark (*open Monday & Wednesday 9am to 5pm, Thursday & Friday 9am to 1pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm*). We hope you enjoyed the week and thanks again for being involved!"

Attendance: Pupil attendance has started very positively. Thank you for your help in ensuring that this continues, as it makes a huge difference to pupil achievement and wellbeing. Please find attached a letter from Hertfordshire County Council regarding the importance of regular school attendance. As a reminder, in line with our safeguarding protocols, the office should be contacted every day by 9am to explain any reason for absence.

School Uniform: As a reminder, we have preloved school uniform for sale. This can be accessed by emailing your requests to: uniform@mandeville221.herts.sch.uk Please ensure you include your child's name, class, items needed and the size required. If the items are available, they will be sent home with your child and payment can be returned to the class teacher in the payment envelope provided. Prices start from just 50p! We currently have a large selection of trousers, skirts, pinafores, jumpers, cardigans, and PE shorts and t-shirts. Additionally, we have a few winter coats, Mandeville fleeces (for outdoor wear) and even some school shoes and trainers. Remember, buying preloved is good for the environment, good for the school and good for your pocket too!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

