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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to be able to welcome you into school for the Meet the Teacher sessions. Thank you so much for attending. Please find below a link for you to provide feedback in order to support our ongoing review of provision and practice.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLlq5onFO9q5n0O9l0ORrkxXtB9q1TXPI4cUSy7OT2qiCsJw/viewform>

Governor Update: Our first Full Governing Body meeting of this academic year took place on 15th September. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Fernanda Champness will be continuing in her role as Chair and Mr Richard Whisker as Vice Chair. We have recently welcomed Miss Rebecca Godsafe and Mrs Hema Pattani to the board. We are so fortunate to have such a highly skilled and dedicated team of governors who willingly give of their time to support the school. Information about our Governing Body can be found on our school website here: <https://www.mandeville221.herts.sch.uk/governors/>

School Travel Challenge: Thank you for all your help with this week's Sawbo Travel Challenge. It has been great to see the children engage so enthusiastically and for local schools to work collaboratively on sustainable travel. Please don't forget the 'Air-Mazing Saturday' where you can try out fitness and wellbeing activities run by community groups and local businesses at the Cricket Club Ground on Town Fields (next to Bell Street car park CM21 9HJ). Pupils should bring their passports to receive a map to be stamped as they complete each activity before collecting a free fruit kebab at the Coop stall. Free bicycle checks and minor repairs will also be available from Mobile Cycle Doctor, courtesy of Coop, plus Hertfordshire Police will provide free bicycle marking – so get all the family to bring their bikes along!

Please also find attached a letter from 'Transport for Hertfordshire' asking for your views on walking and cycling improvements in Sawbridgeworth.

Shared Reading Sessions: The Parent/Carer and Pupil Shared Reading sessions will soon be taking place. These provide an opportunity to welcome you into school to enjoy reading with your child, as well as leave with some top tips on how to support your child's reading development at home.

2 nd October	Parent/Carer & Pupil Shared Reading for Years 5 & 6 at 2:30pm
3 rd October	Parent/Carer & Pupil Shared Reading for Year 2 at 2:45pm
6 th October	Parent/Carer Phonics Session & Pupil Shared Reading for Year 1 at 2:30pm
7 th October	Early Years Coffee Morning (Phonics) at 9:00am Parent/Carer & Pupil Shared Reading for Years 3 & 4 at 2:45pm

Book Fair/Book Share: We are looking forward to welcoming the Book Fair into school from 3rd to 8th October. I am sure that children will enjoy viewing the books with you after school. We also have a selection of books for adults to borrow in the school entrance area. Please select any book that you would like to read and feel free to bring in any from home to add to the shelf. It will be great for our children to see adults enjoying books and wanting to share their reading experiences with others.

A reminder that the PTA AGM will be taking place at 6pm on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

