Mandeville Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are keeping well. For your information:

Reading Engagement Session: Thank you so much for attending the Reading Engagement Session today. It was wonderful to welcome you into school and to share some key strategies to support your child in reading fluently, with good understanding, confidence and enjoyment.

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. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries. Children are very welcome to attend the meeting with you.

Parent/Carer Survey: I was delighted to share with you the outcomes of the parent/carer survey in July, which reflected very high levels of confidence in the school and the education and care we provide for our pupils. Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Enterprise Week: Pupils will be taking part in 'Enterprise Week' during the week commencing 19th October. The children will be taking on the roles of market researchers, designers, advertisers and manufacturers! The aim is to provide a meaningful context for children to apply their mathematical knowledge, as well as to 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 in decision-making, creativity, resilience and collaboration.

Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge: Thank you for your support this week with the Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge. All your walking, scootering, cycling and use of park and stride to school make a real difference to our town's air quality, helping make it cleaner, healthier and safer for everyone.

Friends of Mandeville PTA: Our PTA AGM took place on Wednesday. Thank you to those parents/carers and staff who were able to attend. I am delighted to share that roles have been filled and we look forward to a number of exciting events which the children will enjoy and which will raise valuable additional funds for the school.

Parking/Playground: A polite reminder that in line with safeguarding and health and safety protocols, parents/carers are not permitted to drive into the school at drop-off and collection times, unless they have a Blue Badge. Pupils are not allowed to ride scooters or bikes on the school site. Children should dismount at the main gate. Finally, pupils are not allowed onto the Key Stage 2 playground until the bell rings at 8:40am. Thank you for your support with this and ensuring the safety of the whole school community.

School Uniform: As a reminder, we have pre-loved 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, PE shorts and t-shirts. We also have a few winter coats, Mandeville fleeces (for outdoor wear) and some school shoes and trainers. Remember, buying pre-loved is good for the environment, good for the school and good for your pocket too!

Community: Please see the link below to The Sawbridgeworth Flyer. This month's edition includes community news and a number of local upcoming events which may be of interest to families.
https://e-magazine.flyeronline.co.uk/p/sawbridgeworth-flyer/25-09-2026/r/1/1/6975/2468974

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
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