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Dear Parents/Carers

Amazingly, we are already in October and it feels like autumn has finally arrived. It continues to be very busy at Mandeville with lots happening throughout the school.

Website: Our website has recently been updated! It contains a wealth of information for parents/carers and can be accessed using the following link. We hope you find it informative and easy to navigate.
https://www.mandeville221.herts.sch.uk/

Reading Engagement Session: Thank you again for attending the Reading Engagement Session last week. It has been wonderful hearing the children talk so enthusiastically about the event. Please find below a link to provide your feedback, which will support our ongoing review of provision and practice.
https://forms.gle/g3KQSwz4wCbAFSq17

Book Fair: Thank you for supporting the recent Book Fair, kindly organised by Mrs Wilson (English Leader) and facilitated by school staff. We look forward to sharing the total amount raised for the school. The money raised will be used to purchase high-quality reading books for every class, with a particular focus on reflecting diversity.

Attendance: Our current overall attendance figure stands at 96.2%**.** Thank you to all our families for supporting regular school attendance and ensuring that children arrive on time each day. We know that attending school regularly makes a real difference to children's learning, friendships, confidence and wellbeing. Even occasional absences can add up over time, resulting in valuable learning opportunities being missed. Whilst attendance has been positive so far this academic year, we are keen to improve this further and would really appreciate your continued support. We ask that children attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell or there is another unavoidable reason for absence. We recognise that there can sometimes be genuine challenges affecting attendance and would always encourage families to speak to us if they need advice or support. By working together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to thrive at school.

The 20mph Project Team: As you will be aware, parts of Sawbridgeworth and High Wych are already 20mph. Hertfordshire County Council is now asking schools, residents and businesses for their views on introducing further 20mph speed limits across the area. A short online survey is live at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph to enable the community to share their views. The survey closes on Sunday 8th November.

Harvest Appeal: As you will have seen from an email earlier this week, we are collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank. If you are able to contribute, please send donations into school by Friday 16th October. The food bank has requested these specific items:

- Tinned meat, vegetables, tomatoes, fruit and custard
- Pasta, rice, and pasta sauces
- Long-life milk and long-life juice
- Small jars of coffee and tea

Please ensure all items are in-date, unopened, and do not contain alcohol or nuts.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher