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Dear Parents



Last week's Congratulations go to:

Great Budworth

Rupert Nixon for his amazing poem
Dylan Jackson for excellent effort and good work
Abigail Washburn for brilliant ideas for RE
Joshua Collier for really trying with his phonics

Antrobus St Mark's

Maizie Simpson for good independent work
Tommy Ford for good independent work
Mercedes Lavender for great attitude to all her learning

Pen Passes have been awarded to:-

Mia McGrath
Arthur Rapson
Raymond Chesworth
Daisy Chesworth
Ava Semp
Jack Egdell

Harvest

This week we are holding a Zoom Harvest Festival. Each class has prepared something to share with all the other classes and we are looking forward to sharing in this way.

Thank you for all your donations. I will be dropping them off on Friday after school, so please don't bring anything into school after Friday.

Caretaker

I am pleased to tell you I met with Mr Southern this week and he is doing well but will still be off for at least a month. During this time, Mr Ward has agreed to take on the caretaking duties.

Parking

I thank all those who are following school guidance. We still have had parking issues at Antrobus and so I have alerted our PSCO who will be doing some spot checks and will issue parking fines for those who continue to park dangerously and illegally. I have also issued Mid-Cheshire Grounds Maintenance with a final warning and will cancel their contract if they park illegally again too.

Face Masks

This week there was some confusion on advice regarding face masks in the playground. This advice came initially from PHE and was for secondary schools. The paragraph from PHE indicating it was for secondary schools was published in the Northwich Guardian and states *'It also acknowledges that while communal-area mask-wearing is not mandatory in the borough, it is something that should be considered by head teachers in secondary schools.'*

Based on the numbers we have and the staggered opening/closing times, we don't need to follow this guidance - yet. However, if you feel more comfortable doing so, there is no reason why you can't wear a mask, but this is not part of our federation guidance at the moment.

We have on the other hand been advised not to hold Open Days. New families can come and look around at the end of the school day but we will be asking these families to wear a mask and also the member of staff who shows them around will wear a mask.

High Schools

High Schools will be holding virtual Open Days and we will forward any information from them onto our Year 5 and 6 families via email.

Day Walker

If you walk along the long, curving street,
you will see many things like the everlasting stream of cars.
But there's more, much more.
If you walk along the road out of the city, just stop.
And feel.
Feel the solid concrete ground,
hear the rattling of the orange leaves on the ground,
hear the wittering of the noisy birds,
hear the rustle and the swish of the green trees,
see the blinding sun illuminating the sky with dappling light,
see the fluffy clouds slowly swimming across the blue, blue sky,
see the grey squirrels lolling across the dense woodland.
It's wonderful. And it's just down your road.

By Rupert Nixon

Kind regards
Sandra Finney
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