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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful and productive week at school as the children have truly begun to settle into the rhythm of the new academic year.

Our Reception children have now completed their first full week of learning, and we could not be prouder of how well they are adapting. The foundations built during their transition mornings and afternoons are clearly paying off and it has been lovely to see their confidence and independence growing each day.

One highlight of the week has been the Reception children meeting their Year 6 buddies. These pairings are already proving to be a fantastic success. It is heartwarming to see the older children showing such care and responsibility, especially at lunchtimes, where they have taken time to sit with their younger buddies, helping them feel welcome and supported.

Another highlight was on Thursday, when we held our first House Meetings of the year. It was an opportunity for all children from Reception to Year 6 to connect and work together as a team. These meetings were confidently led by our House Captains, with the support of the teachers in their house and it was good to see their leadership in action. Each house discussed their goals for the year and nominated a local charity to support throughout the year and I will let you know next week which charities each one has chosen to champion. All houses bought enthusiasm and creativity to these discussions. They have already begun thinking about how they can work together as a team, support their causes, and strive to earn points toward the coveted House Champion Cup.

There is a real sense of excitement and positivity around school, and we are all looking forward to the year ahead as the children continue to grow in confidence, kindness and teamwork.

Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, their commitment to our Whirley values and their achievements outside of school. We also celebrate the Dojo house points earned throughout the week and announce the winning house of the week.

Headteacher's Award

This week, we are proud to celebrate the achievements of several pupils who have impressed us with their hard work and enthusiasm. A Headteacher award goes to Theo in year 1, who is recognised for his fantastic writing about dinosaurs, where he used time vocabulary effectively and demonstrated detailed knowledge of the subject. Reuben in Year 2 receives the award for his excellent maths work, using Base 10 to explore different numbers. In Year 3, Lori is celebrated for her descriptive diary writing and extremely neat handwriting. Sam in Year 4 is recognised for confidently using fronted adverbials in his English work. Also in year 4, the award goes to Amy for her Science investigative work on changing states of matter. In Year 5, Lawrence and Fynn receive the award for their impressive understanding of place value up to a million in maths. Finally, in Year 6, Olive is celebrated for showing great independence and resilience in her factor work.

A huge well done to all our award winners.

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V.I.Ps (Values in Practice)

Our **V.I.P. (Values In Practice) Award**, recognises and celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our **Whirley Values** in their daily school life.

We are excited that our purple sweatshirts are being prepared at Classworx at the moment and once we collect them, we will begin to see our V.I.Ps proudly wearing purple around school!

Well done to this week's V.I.Ps: Eleni (Y1) for Resilience, Bella (Y2) for Independence, Lola (Y3) for Independence, Amelia (Y4) for Independence, Harry (Y5) for Independence and Sadie (Y6) for Respect.

Winning House



Our House captains, Liam and Niamh for **Birtles** House, Orla and Jacob for **Alderley**, Ronnie and Jessica for **Henbury** and Noah and Eliza for **Chelford** eagerly waited for the results of the final count up of class Dojo points at the end of our assembly, to see which was the winning house.

The winning house in Celebration Assembly was **Alderley** with 248 Dojo points. Their House trophy is proudly on display in the school hall.

Parking outside school

We are once again receiving concerns about **inconsiderate parking** during drop-off and pick-up times. Last week, there were several instances of cars:

- Parking too close to residents' driveways and restricting access
- Stopping alongside the **Children safety signs** directly outside the school

This not only creates frustration for our neighbours but also puts our children's safety at risk.

Please be mindful of where you park. A few extra steps on foot is a small price to pay for safety, courtesy, and community respect.

Young Voices

It is that time of year again when we begin to prepare for the **Young Voices** concert in February. Young Voices is the world's largest children's choir concert and will be held at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester. This is open to children in years 4, 5 and 6 and a letter explaining the concert in more detail was sent home on Friday. Mrs Dunford has asked that the permission slips are returned as quickly as possible so the cost can be finalised.

We hope your child will join us for this unforgettable experience.

MAD Science

Last Monday, we were excited to welcome the Mad Science Club to our assembly, where they amazed the children with a range of fun and fascinating experiments. Following the visit, a letter was sent home with details about how to sign up for the club, which will run for six weeks starting on 13th November. The cost is £63 per child, and there are only 23 places available. As places are limited and offered on a first come, first

served basis, we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible if your child would like to take part. Registration can be completed online at northengland.madscience.org

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who are already partnering with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a significant difference and is vital for your child's success. Overall, our school attendance was 97% last week.

- Reception: 97%
- Year 1: 97%
- Year 2: 95%
- Year 3: 98%
- Year 4: 96%
- Year 5: 99%
- Year 6: 99%

Autumn Term dates up to Half Term

23rd September – Y1 trip to Delamere Forest
23rd September – WSA Committee meeting – AGM 6pm
26th September – KS2 European Day of Languages
29th September – School Open Day
2nd October – Space Theme school dinners
6th October – Year 6 Evacuee Theme Day
10th October – Kings Football Tournament Year 5/6
WB 20th October – Parents' Evenings
23rd October – Harvest Celebration EYFS/KS1
27th – 31st October – Half Term

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher