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Dear Parents,

Where has the month of September gone? The evenings are certainly drawing in and the weather definitely changed, but this month has flown by.

This week the children in our two Reception Classes have been in school for their first full week (I am sure they and their teachers will sleep very well this weekend!) Both Mr O'Brien and I have had the treat of being able to go and read to each class this week. It is always lovely to see how quickly the children settle in - and enjoy their story time!

This week, as you know, the children have all had their 'Class Photographs' taken. The teachers always prepare props to take with their classes - some of which looked fantastic on Wednesday - I cannot wait to see the photographs. They are usually returned to us within a couple of weeks - so keep an eye out for them.

Thank you to everyone who came to school in denim today and contributed to the Jeans for Genes appeal. We started to support this charity as a school over ten years ago (maybe more) so it is nice that new generations of families are supporting this charity through the school. Thank you!

Have you managed to have a look at the school website yet this term? The class pages have been updated and the new class logo, motto and jingle are on each page - they are really super! I cannot pick my favourite - but I did enjoy listening to the jingles! Homework is now on each class page too (just in case anyone has lost theirs!) If you wanted to have a look ahead at what the children will be learning about for the remainder of the year - go to the tab entitled 'Curriculum' and then 'Learning Themes' the overview of the themes for the year have been published there. There are lots of photographs in the picture gallery too of the start of the school year - team building photographs and launch pad photos too!

On the reverse of the newsletter are two items written by some older pupils in the school reviewing the exciting day we had last Friday with a visit from Jack Green. They sum up many people's reactions to the visit so well. I thought you would like to read them!

Have a lovely weekend

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Diary Dates – Term 1

3rd October – Jeans for Genes day
17th Oct – Phonics workshop
18th Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Y56 – 2:15pm
19th Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Y34 – 2:15pm
20th Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Y12 – 2:15pm
21st Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Reception –
2:15pm
22nd – 30th October – Half term

Advance dates for your diary!

Parents Evenings – 2nd & 3rd November / 1st & 2nd
March / 5th & 6th July
Nativity – 14th December (EYFS -Y2 pupils)
Y6 residential – 7th – 9th May
Sports Day – 20th June
Reserve Sports Day – 27th June

JACK GREEN –By Lacey (Year 6)

On Friday the 23rd of September our school had a special visitor and his name was Jack Green. First of all, we went into the hall and met Jack for the first time. This was really exciting! As a year group we asked many questions that helped us know a little bit more about the Olympian and his story.

After the time in the hall rushed on, we got to do something extremely cool - we got to sprint and jump with Jack! He taught us how to start a race and how to get to the finish line much faster. We did lots of fun activities. At the end of the day we said bye to Jack and had pictures with him; we even received a signed photo of him that he had spent hours the night before signing himself! All in all we had a wonderful day! Thanks Jack!

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 &6. School meals will be served from week 2 next week.

The new menu is available on the school website

Go to About Us – Documents

A visit from Jack Green – By Evie and Grace (Year 6)

Friday was one of the most enjoyable days we have ever had at school due to the fact that Jack Green (400m hurdler) came and visited us. This was particularly exciting as many of us watched the Olympics during the summer and saw him in action. The fact that he was a famous athlete made the atmosphere at school even more ecstatic and all of us wanted to ask him lots of questions.

It was extremely interesting meeting someone who had been in the actual Rio Olympics because it was thrilling to hear about what it felt like to compete and hear about all of the famous people he had met. He taught us some great running techniques, such as how to do a proper athletic starting position and what to do with arms during a sprint. That was really helpful because it will allow us to achieve more both in our PE lessons, but also when we both go to Athletics club outside of school.

Not only did he give us practical advice he also told us to “keep your head on your target and then you can achieve your goal” and “never give up on your dream”. We thought he was very good talking about his time suffering from depression and told us that “whenever we doubt ourselves, we have to push past that and be determined to carry”.

The most memorable part of the day was when we got to race him. Evie came 4th, Grace 3rd, Tyrese 2nd and Jack 1st – although we don't think he was trying his absolute hardest?!

Thanks Jack for a great day!

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an **exceptional circumstance** please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.

Message from Miss Walker....



Christmas Cakes

I am now taking orders for Christmas cakes for delivery the last week of term. Please order by 5th December. For prices and any other queries please find and message me on Facebook @ The Flour Jar.