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Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 22nd September, 2017

Dear Parents,

Punctuality: Robins Class

School begins at 8.45 each day and most children are here and going in by 8.40 a.m. each morning. Please ensure your child is on time every day. Now Robins Class (Reception) has settled in it is important that children are coming in at the right time. Thank you.

NSPCC visit Tuesday 19th September and safeguarding

We had a very useful day working with the NSPCC this week. Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting about online safety. The assemblies and workshops later in the day were also very worthwhile. On Monday this week we had a Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Review – this went well and the majority of the areas looked at were rated good. An action plan to address the few concerns identified will be written and adopted by governors. Here is our NSPCC certificate!



Academy status

At long last, after many disputes and problems, we seem to have a final date for academy conversion: 1st November. I will write separately to parents to ensure you are fully informed about the changes. Parents will see very little difference initially, but the school's administration has much to do to make the changes needed.

National Poetry Day

We will be celebrating this special day with lots of reciting, writing and other poetic fun on Thursday next week! Look out for couplets, haiku, ballads, limericks and lots of other creative and enjoyable word play coming home!

House competition

The first House competition of the year will be an Autumn Collage. We would like children to put together a picture using autumn colours and materials to celebrate the new season "...of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Please support your child in doing this at home. You can use the sheet attached to this letter or your own paper or card. We suggest that, as well as using colours associated with the time of year, children could stick on leaves, fruits and anything else they can find that represents autumn. We look forward to seeing the entries. Don't forget to label with the child's name and house! Closing date Monday 2nd October.



Parking

Please note: you should not be parking in the layby outside school or anywhere else which might endanger children and other road-users. Please take note of the banner outside supplied by Cambridgeshire County Council. Thank you.

Special Educational Needs

Meetings for parents of children on the SEN register will be during the week starting Monday 25th September. You will have received a letter of invitation to these meetings. Please respond as soon as possible so we can organise cover for teachers, etc.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 6 with 100%. Brilliant!! Overall attendance last week was 97.71%, which is improving! Thank you for your support!

Class	Attendance
Reception	97.29%
Year 1	97.33%
Year 2	96.21%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	97.81%
Year 5	99.06%
Year 6	100%

Achievement awards

- a) **Good to be Green!** This week these children showed particularly great behaviour: Ava Reader, Freddie Edwards, Harley Lunn, Alissia Millar, Mason Barnes, Kenia O’Gorman, Grace Clarke, Savanna Redworth, Ella Lines, Eamonn Smith, Tyler Barnes, Verity Baines, Ben Flowers and Bethany Hancock. Well done!
- b) **Learning awards:** Toby Baker, Reggie Hills, Kyan Griffiths, Ashton Busby, Tye Bryant-Hammond, Keira Blackford- Frost and Jay Phoenix.. Well done!
- c) **Lunchtime awards:** Miss Rae picked out these children for being particularly helpful at lunch break: Alfie Rawsley, Lilley-May Roberts, Libby Myles and Dannielle Martin. Well done.
- d) **Lexia certificates:** for improvement in reading skills: Alexis Loveridge, Will Garfoot, Grace Clarke. Well done!
- e) **Pen licences:** Oscar Rolfe and Vanessa Bulwa. Well done.

Dates for the diary

- We break up for Half Term Friday 20th October and return to school on Monday 30th October 2017.
- Tuesday 10th October at 10 a.m. Harvest Service at All Saints Church.

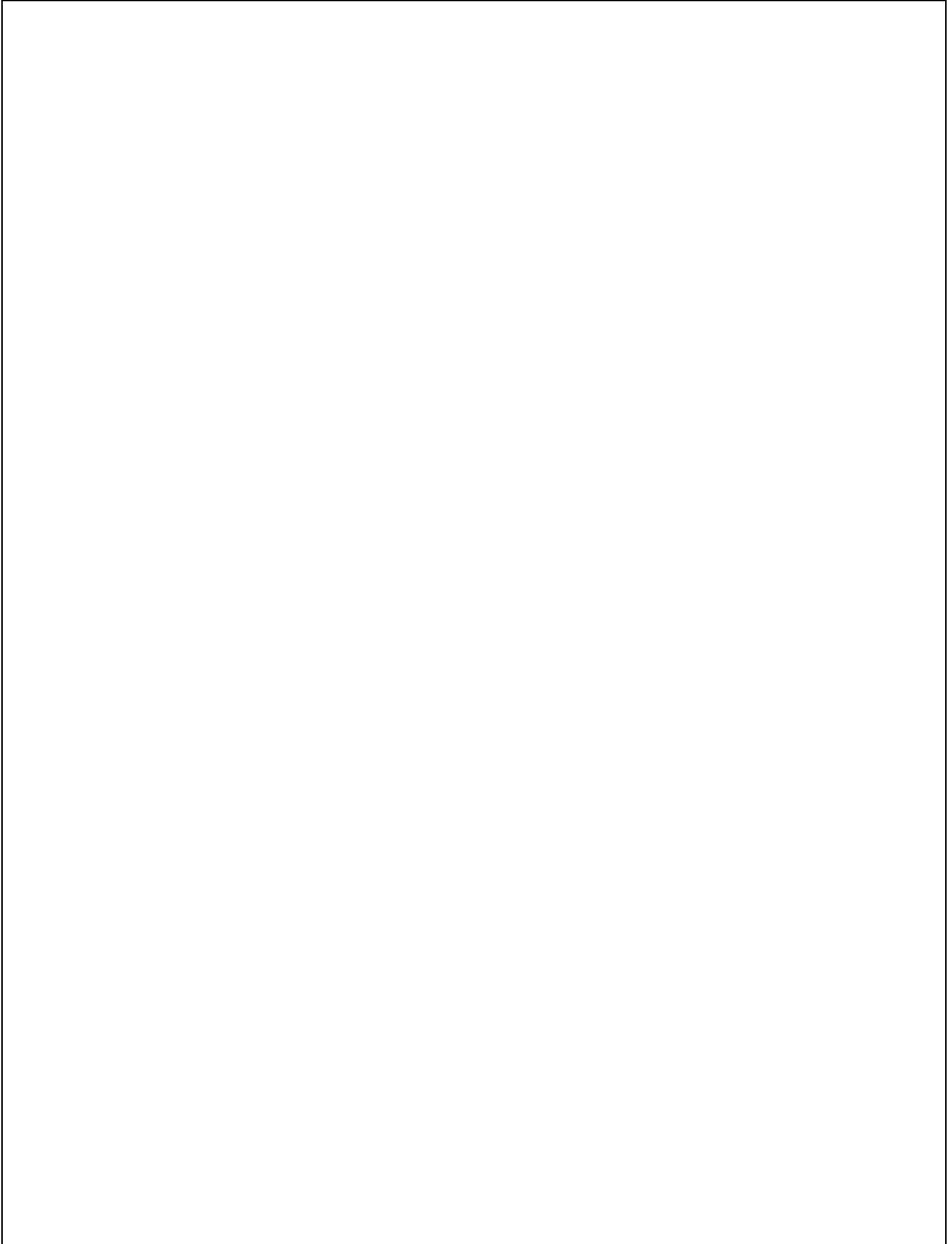
Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

House competition: an Autumn Collage

Child's name:

House:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a child to create an autumn collage. The box is currently blank.

