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### Temporary Staffing Changes

At present, Mr Riley is absent, as he is looking after his son, who was involved in a serious accident two weeks ago. All of us send our very best wishes and positive thoughts to Mr Riley, his son and family. He adds such a lot to school life and we all look forward to his return.

However, for the next half-term, we have needed to make some changes to accommodate his absence. Minibus pick-ups will continue however as we are moving staff, it means after school wraparound will not take place. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

We should manage to continue all our outdoor activities and any children who Mr Riley works with 1-1 will be supported. I hope this adds clarity for parents and may I also thank the rest of the staff who are really rallying round to make sure your children, as ever receive the very best support. Mr Riley is much in our thoughts.

### Parental Questionnaire

If you haven't already, please fill in the parental questionnaire and send it in. It very much helps us support you and your children receive the very best education possible- your views matter. There is a prize of a £50 supermarket voucher drawn from the questionnaires received.

### Safeguarding and Support

You will have noticed from our Facebook that the Police are in this morning from 10am, in the Community Room, holding a drop-in session. Your child and indeed your safety is of paramount importance, always.

With that in mind, we are sending out a new safeguarding leaflet this week to all parents. We hope you find it useful as it details how we are supporting you and your children and also advice that can be accessed.

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

*This takes place at 10.50am next Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> in St George's Church. All are welcome to attend. This year, although of course remembering all who have lost their lives in the service of our country, we are focusing on World War Two and relating this to our area. .*

*Year 5 will be leading the service however all the children will be contributing in some way. The current Christian Value we are working on is 'Thankfulness' which I am sure you agree is very appropriate at this time of year.*

### **Democracy**

As an election approaches, it is important we give the children the chance to understand democracy and how it works. It also is essential that our children know that they have a choice and can hold others' to account.

We have had visits from our local M.P before and indeed sent a delegation to a climate change conference in the Summer. As part of our learning in The Shine Project with Meetse a Bophelo, we also looked at why democracy is so important to us.

This Thursday, one of the other candidates, Chris Atree, will be visiting school, primarily to talk to the School Council and Mrs Albery but also visit classes. As an ex-serviceman, he may also be asked about his experiences in the context of Remembrance.

You can be sure that whichever prospective candidate or politician visits school (and all candidates are welcome) we will encourage the children to hold them to account, ask questions and make their voice heard.

### **Attendance Last Week**

Reception	97%	Year 4	97%
Year 1	95%	Year 5	99%
Year 2	99%	Year 6	95%
Year 3	93%	School	96%

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