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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

The children continue to shine in their learning and demonstrate excellent behaviour across the school. Our Nursery and Reception children have settled in quickly and our older pupils are eager to help them. We were delighted to see most parents attend our welcome meetings to meet new teachers. Thank you for all of the positive comments we received about our lovely school.

We have adapted our reward system this year so that children are able to 'spend' their earned dojo points in our dojo shop. Dojos are awarded for punctuality, attendance, excellent behaviours or acts of thoughtfulness and kindness. The children can spend small amounts or save up for more significant prizes!

PTFA

Spindle Point's first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday 10th October at 3.30pm in our staff room. We welcome everyone! Please do come and support our PTFA. It really is vital to the future of our community events that we have a well-supported PTFA. Please come along if you can! Free childcare will be provided during the meeting, if you let Mrs Lansley know beforehand.

Parents Evenings

Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 16th October. We are trialling a new system which allows parents to book their own meetings online. Mrs Bridge will be sending out a text to parents this evening at 6pm, which means parents have the weekend to book via the link. It is a first come, first served system so be sure to book asap.

The book fair will also be in school that week if you would like to reward your child for their hard work and continue to promote a love of reading for your child!

Reading

We continue to encourage home reading which has been proved to have a massive impact on attainment and progress in school. Those children that regularly read at home are more likely to feel confident and do well in reading, writing and maths, as well as in other areas of the curriculum. We are asking parents to engage in reading with their child at least three times a week and then record this in reading records. We continue to take the children to Farnworth Library to engage the children with new authors and various genres of books. Also, Bolton Library Service has revamped the museum and it now boasts a number of new areas, including an Egyptian tomb and mummy. It is free and definitely worth a visit...

Harvest

The school has decided to move away from our traditional Harvest service due to time constraints on the curriculum and a month full of special events and trips. The children will still take part in harvest activities. We are asking parents to send donations of food which the children will take to Farnworth's Food Bank. We feel that this is a worthy charity and will support local people who need it most.

Attendance

The school's attendance figures are still falling below national averages and we continue to do our very best to improve these. Please send your children to medical and dental appointments **outside of schools hours**, unless they are an emergency. We urge parents not to book holidays in term time too.



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	
Tuesday 2 nd October	Year 4 and 5 swimming starts	Farnworth Baths
Monday 8 th October	Bikeability- (Mon- Thursday)	Year 6
Thursday 11 th October	Dental Nurse talk	Year 4
Friday 12 th October	Rock Steady Music workshops	Year 1-6
Monday 15 th October	Book Fair Week Harvest Donations	
Tuesday 16 th October	Parents Evening Fort Alice to work with Year 6 Year 4 Library visit	Year 6 Year 4
Wednesday 17 th October	Artist in School Project	Year 5
Thursday 18 th October	Artist in School Project Fort Alice to work with Year 6	Year 5 Year 6
Friday 19 th October	Break up for Half Term	
Monday 29 th October	Return to School	
Tuesday 30 th October	Black History Month whole school celebration	In school-nothing required from home.
Thursday 1 st November	Octagon Theatre Trip Stone Age Talk in school	Year 4 Year 3
Monday 5 th November	Year 6 Library visit	Farnworth library
Wednesday 7 th November	Cinema Trip to The Light	Year 4, 5 and 6

Many thanks for your ongoing support and feedback. Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss J Bingham
Headteacher

