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Dear Parents

### Newsletter 3

**Successes** We were pleased to have lots of successes to talk about in assembly this morning: great listening and focus leading to great learning; older pupils helping the little ones settle; year sixes doing an amazing job as Lunch Buddies; year threes stepping up to Key Stage Two standards in the choir as we begin to learn The O2 Programme for this year.

**Tiddlers** Our new Tiddlers have settled so well that from Monday 1 October we would like parents to say goodbye at the gate and let them walk through on their own. Well done for getting them to this stage so quickly and don't worry if we have to 'persuade' a few.

**FOTH** After the fun of Tie Dye in the park The Harvest Supper on 12 October is the next thing you must make sure you don't miss: almost forty tickets have been sold so please do not miss out! After lovely food, your children will love having a go at Beetle Drive and if you've only got distant memories you'll quickly pick it up again.

**FOTH** Non Uniform Day is Wednesday 3 October 'Bring a bottle' – anything, from drinks to shampoo, this will be for The Harvest Supper tombola.

**FOTH** Cake Sale today was in aid of school funds and Macmillan. Thanks to our organisers.

**FOTH** SoleLuna Pizza Van back by popular demand 'Pizza in the Park' Tuesday 16 October, 4.30 to 7.30pm. For gluten free and vegan please pre order one day in advance by contacting Daniel on 07445 815764.

**Osmington** We've received lots of thanks from parents. It was a fantastic trip which has had a beneficial impact on behaviour, self-esteem and focus already. Once the photos go up, they become a reference point with a bank of memories that gradually seep into the children's very core and lead to greater courage, optimism and resilience.

**PTIs** Many thanks to those who have already returned their slips to the office.

**Classroom Trail** Reminder – Friday 12 October 9.00 to 10.30am for parents to see the school in action. After drop off please wait by the Sports Hall door.

**Parking** One of our new Tiddlers has a grandparent who will be bringing / collecting her regularly. The grandparent has given me permission to tell you that she has a blue badge and is unable to walk very far; please be understanding as she learns how best to negotiate the car park at busy times.

The vast majority of you are helping to keep the children safe by **not** driving up to school at our busy times. Unfortunately we have received three complaints from residents, including about a driver using his mobile phone; one of the complaints has gone to the parish council. The Police have been informed. Of course it goes without saying that walkers must play their part by using the Boardwalk down to Snells, keeping hold of little ones' hands and not walking in the middle of the road. Please don't wait by the bike sheds when you are in the school grounds as if the children see casual behaviour here they will absorb that and be put more at risk when they are on public pathways and roads.

**Lunches Reminder** – these cost £2.20 per meal for KS2 children, to be paid weekly or termly.

**Wonderful School** This is a wonderful school and I am going to appreciate it in a very special way between now and Christmas as I will be leaving (retiring, but not sure what that holds!) at the end of December. The Hendreds is all about teamwork and our incredible teachers, under the leadership of Mr Savage and myself, will be ensuring that during these weeks, learning and progress remain firmly in front of our work. Our Governors are responsible for the entire recruitment process so we will not be distracted from the day to day task of teaching and learning. Please see attached letter from the Chair of Governors, Richard Case.

Yours sincerely

Liz Tansley