



4th October 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

Assemblies

This week in assembly we discussed empathising with others. We also discussed being aware of how others feel and how this might impact on their behaviour. In order to help the children understand this, we read the story of Pearl. This can be found at the end of this newsletter.

This assembly is part of continued focus on 'Being Me in My World'.

We currently follow the Jigsaw Scheme for our assemblies and for our PSHE lessons. If you would like any further information about Jigsaw, please follow the link below:

<https://www.jigsawpshe.com/>

Trips and Events

This week Year 6 are going on their trip to Cadbury's World. All the children (and the adults!) are really looking forward to this.

Last week, Cherry Blossom enjoyed a trip to the post office as part of their work on developing Human Capital.

As part of our focus on developing Human Capital, we are going to hold money management activities across the year. Our first activity will take place over the coming weeks.

This will involve the following:

- Each class having a budget of £5 per child
- Adults and children deciding on items they can make and sell (classes have already decided on the items they will be making)
- An after-school sale of the items to parents on the 15th of November 2021 and then to the wider community if necessary

We are asking that parents make a donation of £2.50 for each child, which will go towards the purchase of resources and marketing of the items being made. ECO Club and the PTFA will be providing the balance.

Once all the items are sold, each class will be able to decide on what to do with any profits they have made. They could, for example, choose to buy something for their classroom or give their profits to



charity. This will be up to each class. They will, however, have to keep their original budget for future projects. We are planning three across the year.

We are hopeful that through these projects, children will be able to develop money management, teamwork, and reasoning skills.

It would be much appreciated if parents could send in their donation of £2.50 by Friday 15th October.

The PTFA will be holding school discos in the final week of this half term. This will be happening during the school day and class teachers will confirm dates with you. Children will be able to attend school in their party clothes on the day of their disco.

In the final week of this half term, the PTFA and ECO club will also be holding the Trick or Treat event which was held last year, and which proved to be extremely popular.

Building Works

I am really pleased to let you know that the refurbishment of our Computing Suite has now been completed, and children will be able to start using this from today onward. We have brand new counters and seating as well as new computers!

Further to this, our new iPads have also arrived, and children will begin benefiting from the use of these too!

We are still waiting for confirmation of dates for the following:

- Clearing of the bungalow area
- Refurbishment of the pond
- Extension of the Nursery outdoor area

Attendance information and certificates will follow later this week.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

Mrs Richmond



Pearl

Once there was a girl called Pearl and she didn't always make the right choices at school. She would call out, when she was asked to sit quietly. She would jump about, when she was supposed to sit down. She would disturb other children when they were trying to work. She would annoy others on the playground and then sulk when nobody wanted to play with her. The other children were mean to Pearl because they found her annoying and wouldn't let her join in with them. They also said unkind things when she was not being sensible. This made Pearl feel angry and sad as nobody was thinking about the other peoples' feelings. Then one day, Pearl's teacher thought about how a pearl in the ocean is made and this gave her an idea to help. The teacher explained to the other children that there was a problem as none of the children were considering each other's feelings and everyone was feeling sad as a result of this. All of Pearl's classmates joined in with the plan. Instead of being unkind when Pearl didn't make the right choices, they all tried to be kinder to her. For example, usually, when Pearl walked towards other children on the playground, they would run away and refuse to play. This made her feel lonely. Now the children smiled and said 'Hello Pearl, do you want to come and play with us?' Pearl liked being invited and she played with them nicely instead of spoiling the game. Sometimes there were arguments but the



children worked hard to try and sort the problem out with each other in a fair and kind way. Sometimes the Jigsaw Friends helped them solve their problems. In class everyone made a special effort to notice when Pearl was making the right choices and said kind things to her as encouragement. Pearl liked getting encouragement and it made her try even harder to make the right choices. Soon, Pearl was starting to enjoy school and began to think about the feelings of the other children in her class. She would ask them if they would like help with their work if they got stuck and she even earned a special certificate in school for the most improved learner.