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Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe we've reach Half Term already! Where has the time gone?

We have had so much to celebrate in school over the last half term. I have to say a big well done to our amazing children who I see try hard and push themselves to be the best that they can. I also have to say a huge thank you to all the staff who work so hard and go above and beyond to seek different ways to make the learning fun and enjoyable.

Our whole school attendance figure for this term is 95.8% This is an improvement on the same period last year which was 93.1% but unfortunately it is below the national figure of 96.2%. Overall class figures are:

Class	Percentage attendance Spring 1
Ash	95.1
Birch	91.9
Elm	96.3
Oak	96.9
Pine	98
Willow	95.9

Our picture of lateness has unfortunately not improved in the same way. We allocated the week before last as a Secret no Lateness Week and we look forward to announcing the winners after half term!

Our 'Get on SPaG.com' week had amazing results with so many children being in the draw! Our winners from each class we drawn with each lucky winner receiving a Creme Egg (and yes I think they have definitely got much smaller than I remember them being as a child!) We will be having another unannounced week soon where all children who have accessed the tasks at least three times in the week, will again have the chance to be a winner! We have invested in (and I hope to invest in some more) several ICT based home learning experiences. Please support your child by encouraging them to access them to make the most of their learning experience. Can I also ask that you encourage your child to read regularly. Perhaps sit and enjoy a book together. As a school, we are having a big emphasis on reading for pleasure and want to show children the enjoyment that can be experienced by being absorbed in a good story. We will soon be approaching World Book Day and I know PAWS have some exciting events planned to mark this important day.

Can we make another huge plea? We seem to have lots of lost property which we are unable to reunite with their rightful owner for the simple reason they have no name written in. As a dad, I completely understand the frustration of buying new uniform that ends up going missing. Please can I therefore ask that all uniform (including coats and PE kits) is named. Our aim is to have an empty lost property box! Please help us to achieve it.

We look forward to starting our new lunchtime arrangements after half term and even though lots of thought and preparation has been put into it, it will be a learning curve for us all as we adapt to the new system and ensure that it works for our children.

Our bun sales are going fantastically well and I have to say a huge thank you for your contributions towards these they have been amazing!

Have a lovely half term holiday and enjoy spending some quality family time. We look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 27th February 2017.

Thank you once again for your continued support in the journey we share with your child's learning.

Best wishes,

Mr Neil Hedworth
Head teacher