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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers

#### Reading

I would like to share the successful impact that our reading initiatives has had across school and thank you for your support in ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children.

We closely track and monitor the progress of our children across the curriculum subjects and recent assessment in reading ages, coupled with progress in either RWI groups or summative assessments highlights the fabulous progress that is being made.

Again, thank you to all of the parents/carers who have supported their children with reading at home and sharing books and texts as this is clearly a successful strategy we have implemented.

#### Tesco Trip

Just to ensure that Year 1 parents/carers are fully in the loop regarding the visit to Tesco; we had originally planned to visit the Werrington Tesco store and travel by coach as it would be too far for 5 and 6 year olds to walk to and from. The cost of the visit was to cover the coach hire. Werrington store were unable to honour the visit on the day arranged due to instore issues. As we did not want to disappoint the children, who are always at the forefront of our minds when making decisions, we proactively contacted the Serpentine Green store. They were happy to support Norwood and our children and have also offered to cover the cost of the transport. I am sure you would like to extend our thanks to the store for stepping in and helping.

#### Assembly

As you are aware, as any school should, Norwood School has high expectations of children and adult's behaviour and would like to share positive feedback with you as a direct outcome of supporting the children in their practice of entering and leaving the assembly hall.

As I am sure you would appreciate, 210 children either entering or exiting our hall simultaneously is a situation that we strive to ensure is a calm, safe and swift process. Through our short practice last week and reminder of our high expectations we have seen a significant improvement in how this is conducted across school. The practices were attended by all children and adults present on the day and followed by a full 15 minutes playtime as normal.

Discussions held with children after this event highlighted that when this process is conducted in-line with our high expectations, it results in a much more pleasurable learning opportunity for the children. Some children even thanked school adults for addressing the poor behaviour as they are now again enjoying assemblies without any low level disruption.

#### Thank you

As a school we are aware that we have implemented a number of changes, all of which are part of our on-going school development work. The areas for development are as a result of the newly introduced national curriculum and statutory assessment arrangements in primary school education.

All of the educational ethos and developmental work we carry out is to ensure that your children receive the best possible provision and outcomes. Should you have any questions, queries or concerns please do contact the relevant member of staff who will happily take time to discuss these with you.

We look forward to seeing many of you during the next set of parent/carer engagement sessions for your child's class and a reminder that photographs of school events and trips are available on our website in the gallery section.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher