

Shadsworth Infant School Newsletter

Friday 14th June 2024



Education is not optional! There is an expectation that children are in school everyday!



Message from Mrs Crompton



We are at the beginning of our transition work throughout school. Last week we welcomed our new Reception families, it was a very busy evening and thank you to our Nursery families who came and enjoyed the evening, even though they know school, families came and took the time for their children to enjoy and meet their friends and the new children who will be joining us. Year 2 children have started to meet their Year 3 teachers and staff from the Junior school. Both Mrs West and Miss Wilkinson have spent time with each child 1-1, started to get to know them and listened to them read. We will be passing on all of the children's information to give the children a flying start. In school, classes have started to think about the next year group. Reception children are spending more time sitting down working independently ready to start in Year 1. It is quite a change for children to manage from Reception to Year 1. The expectation of Year 1 is that children are sat working all day, every day. We manage this with great relationships and fun lessons, but need parent support to continue practicing those phonics and reading skills over the long summer break.

'Let's Get Talking' this week was all about School Readiness - if you missed it, please ask Mrs Aspden for an overview of how to make sure your child is ready for school in September. It is really important your child has the best start.

Huge WELL DONE to all our Year 1 children who took their Phonics Screening test this week. A fantastic collective effort by the children, staff and parents who have been reading every night at home has resulted in lots of happy, confident children who can sound out and blend letters together to make words. We are really proud of you all!!

There is an expectation that children are in school everyday! Here is this week's attendance and lates.

This week's Attendance and Lates



Class	%	Lates
RB	79	3
RM	88	4
1J	85	5
1W	93	4
2H	89	8
2GH	90	9
Total	87	33

Shadsworth Stars.. This week we said 'Well Done' to ..



Class	Good Work	Good News
RB	Madison C	Hiba F
RM	Tracy-Jayne C	Fahad S
1J	Scarlett L	Seinna J
1W	Amaan K	Luca-Rome B
2H	Brooklyn H	Fawaz S H
2GH	Lola D	Ethan D

Headteacher Award goes to	Madison Cole Class RB
Lunchtime Award goes to	Jacob-James D Class 1J



Dates for your diary



DAY	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 18th June 2024	3.30pm-5.00pm	Messy Church - School Hall Please sign up at the school office
Wednesday's 19th and 26th June 2024	3.45pm-4.30pm	Stay & Play for New Reception Children
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	During school time Departure time: 9.00am prompt	Year 1's visit to Blackpool Zoo Consent slip and payment of £20.00 is payable to your child's class teacher by Friday 21 st June 2024 Children are to wear appropriate school uniform and will be provided with a school packed lunch for the day.
Monday 1 st July 2024	2.15pm	EYFS Sports Day weather permitting
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	2.15pm	KS1 Sports Day weather permitting
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	During school time 8.45am prompt	Class RB visit to Lytham St Anne's Completed consent form and £7.00 payable to your child's class teacher by Friday 28 th June 2024 Children are to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the day. A sun hat/cap and have sun cream applied to them at home weather permitting. Children will be provided with a packed lunch for the day.
Thursday 4 th July 2024	During school time 8.45am prompt	Class RM visit to Lytham St Anne's Completed consent form and £7.00 payable to your child's class teacher by Friday 28 th June 2024 Children are to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the day. A sun hat/cap and have sun cream applied to them at home weather permitting. Children will be provided with a packed lunch for the day.
Friday 5 th July 2024	During school time	Transition Day - This is a really important day for your child/children.
Friday 5 th July 2024	1.00pm	Nursery Open Day for September starters - Nursery Classroom - Please meet at the Nursery door through the Tarbert Crescent Gate
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	TBC	Nursery Fun Day in School - letter to parent will follow soon
Friday 12 th July 2024	9.00am	Class RM Assembly
Monday 15 th July 2024	3.20pm	School Reports sent home
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	1.30pm	Year 2 Leavers Festival
Thursday 18 th July 2024	9.00am	Year 2 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19 th July 2024	1.30pm School closes for halfterm	Non-Uniform Day - Please bring £1 - thank you for your continued support
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	8.00am for Breakfast Club 8.35am Soft Start 8.45am for Learning	Year 1's, Year 2's and Rising 3's - School Re-Opens

Wednesday 4 th September to 6 th September 2024	Various Times	Nursery Home Visits
Wednesday 4 th and Thursday 5 th September 2024	Various Times	Reception Home Visits
Friday 6th September 2024	Doors open @ 8.35am	New Reception children start school at 8.45am doors open from 8.35am for a soft start to the day
Monday 9th September 2024	Various Times	Nursery children staggered starts with all children being in Nursery for Wednesday 11th September 2024

The Cancer Bank Collection

Please note we are only able to collect brand new items in their original packaging and label.

Here are a few suitable items we are collecting :-

Soft hair brushes, dark nail varnish, hats, gloves, scarves, head bands, soft tooth brushes etc... Please see below flyers for other ideas.... Many thanks for your continued support!

What is the cancer bank?

We are an organisation set up to support people starting their Cancer Journey.



What do we need?



Soft hair brushes, transfer eyebrow tattoos, dark nail polish, large tooth combs, thermometer, shower sleeves

Hats, gloves, scarves, snoods, headscarves, thermal slippers/socks (with grip soles), head bands.
[BRAND NEW PRODUCTS IN-PACKAGING ONLY]

Soft toothbrushes, non-alcoholic mouthwash, emollient cream (plain/perfume free/Lanolin free: Aveeno, E45, MooGoo, neuro genic, Aqueous Cream.), lip balm, hand sanitizer

Please note that we can only accept brand-new products in original packaging with labels. This is due to the risk of infection.

What we will do:

We are asking for donations of newly bought items that people might need if they are going through cancer but don't have a lot of money to buy these for themselves.

Nursery Places Available for September 2024!



For enquiries, admissions or to arrange a visit, please call 01254 698002 or email:
office@shadsworthinfant.blackburn.sch.uk 15hr Part- Time and 30hr Full- Time Places For more
information about our Teacher led Available Nursery, visit:
<https://www.shadsworthinfants.co.uk>

Take a look at this week's EYFS Picture News week commencing 10th June 2024

What's happening in the news this week?




Let's have a look at this week's poster!

10th - 16th June 2024

Picture News
In the Early Years



Let's look at this week's story



The man in the picture is Rishi Sunak, the Prime Minister of the UK.

*Think about: What do you know about the Prime Minister?
What do you think they do in their job?*

It is in the news that Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, has announced there will be a general election on 4th July. This means people will vote for who they want to be the member of Parliament (MP) for the area they live in. An MP is a person, who will speak for all the people living in an area. They have a seat in the House of Commons in London, where lots of meetings happen and decisions and rules are made for the UK. After people have voted for who they want to be their MP, the votes will be counted, and the winning MPs will be announced. A lot of MPs belong to a party (a group who all work together). The leader of the party that wins the majority of seats for MPs will then become the prime minister.

Think about: Do you think you would enjoy being an MP or even the prime minister? What rules or laws would you bring in for everyone in the UK?

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How does it make me feel?



Have you heard any new words?



Write any new words here and talk about what they mean





The prime minister is a leader in the UK. We can have lots of leaders in our lives. Look at and discuss some different people who are all leaders.



A parent or carer



A football coach



A teacher



A boss of a company

Why do you think they are a leader?

Do you know someone who is a leader?

What are they a leader of?

What do you think makes someone a good leader?





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Can you draw and write about a leader, who is special to you?



A special leader I know is _____

Item	How many Compare Bears?
 glue stick	
 wooden block	
 scissors	
 trainer	
 toy car	

Can you find out how many Compare Bears each item weighs?



The heaviest item is the: _____ The lightest item is the: _____

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Democracy

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Weekly vocabulary



Speaking and Listening	Writing	Role-play	Maths	Outdoor
prime minister speech speaking leader general election member of Parliament vote seat meeting decisions House of Commons London UK announced party group counted rules laws	draw person leader name write sentence great good listener help fun read back Who? Why?	office work business boss leader job holding meeting workwear computer phone listen take notes write down Who? What?	maths leader task challenge find out weight weighs objects scales balance count heaviest lightest How many? Which?	dance leader teacher dance moves starting position arms legs hands first next then sing music final end finish

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Picture News In the Early Years

Speaking and Listening

Birth to 5 matters Starts to develop their phonetic knowledge by linking sounds to labels and captions, later progressing to simple sentences.

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Key vocabulary office, work, business, boss, leader, job, holding, meeting, workwear, computer, phone, listen, take notes, write down, Who?, Why?

Office Role-play

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Drawing and Writing

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Can you become a dance leader?

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Take a look at this week's KS1 Picture News Resource week commencing 10th June 2024

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10th - 16th June 2024

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Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



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How does it make me feel?



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Read the information below, which explains the Prime Minister's recent announcement.

General election 2024 timeline

Thursday 23rd May Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, announced a general election.	Thursday 4th July The day when adults can go in person to vote.	Friday 5th July The results should be announced.	Tuesday 9th July Newly elected MPs (members of Parliament) will meet for the first time.	Wednesday 17th July The State Opening of Parliament. A ceremony when the King announces what the government wants to do.
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What are political leaders saying about the general election?

Over the next few weeks, I will fight for every vote. I will earn your trust and I will prove to you that only a Conservative government led by me...can restore pride and confidence in our country and with a clear plan and bold action, will deliver a secure future for you, your family and our United Kingdom.

The current prime minister and Conservative party leader, Rishi Sunak, talking about his campaign.

Politics has to be about service. Britain must be a country that respects your contribution. Everyone - not just those at the top - deserves the chance to get on. These are the ideas I'm fighting for.

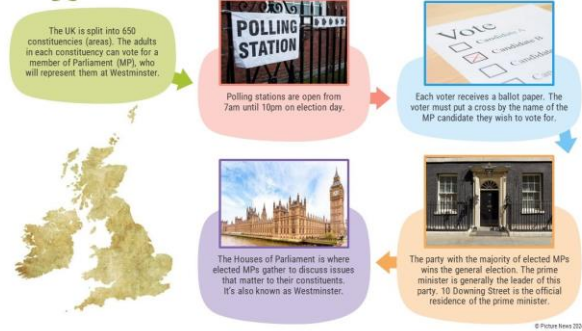
The Labour party leader, Keir Starmer, speaking about his campaign, which may see him become the next prime minister.

Discuss what you think it means for the UK.

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Look at the resource below, which explains how a general election works.



Look at the resource below, which shares some examples of democracy.

Democracy comes from a Greek word, *demos* (people) and *kratos* (power/rule). It means 'rule of the people'.

British Values Democracy



- I know I have a voice and my opinions will be heard
- I can listen carefully to others
- I know how to discuss an issue in a calm way and can show respect for others even if I disagree
- My vote matters



"I signed a petition to show my support for reducing university student tuition fees. Anyone can set up a petition to make changes. If it receives 100,000 signatures, a petition is almost always debated in parliament."

Jasmine

Juries are an example of democracy in action. The people are making decisions of great importance. They sit through the trial, assess the evidence and come to a verdict on the case, deciding whether someone is innocent or guilty.



"The grass was getting incredibly long on our local playing field, making it difficult to play sports. I contacted my parish council to explain the problem and ask if they could keep on top of the grass-cutting over the summer months. They agreed and it has been maintained since."

Alksay

"We often have a vote in our family to choose things such as what film to watch, which park to play in, where to have a treat meal. The majority vote wins. Sometimes, it is hard when I don't get my choice but that is part of democracy"

Henry



Can you think of any examples of democracy in school?

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Reflection



A general election is a chance for adults to vote for who they would like to run the country. It is an opportunity for democracy, leading to potential change in how a country is run.



Democracy

We can take part in a variety of democratic activities to practise our right to vote in a school and home context.

At age 18, we all have the right to vote and take part in making decisions that affect us and our country.

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Useful vocabulary



Campaign

To work in an active and organised way to achieve a goal, often a social or political one such as becoming an MP. Many will then **campaign** to be re-elected.

Conservative

The current governing party. The **Conservative party** is one of the two main political parties in the UK, the other being Labour. The current prime minister and **Conservative** party leader, Rishi Sunak, speaking about his campaign.

Dissolved

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Press conference

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Can you use them in your writing this week?

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Is voting the best way to change things?

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- Look at this week's poster and talk about what you see. What do you think this week's story could be about?
- The Prime Minister has recently announced a general election. What do you know about general elections and their importance?
- Read the information found on the assembly resource and watch the useful video, both of which explore the Prime Minister's recent announcement. Talk about what you think it means for the UK.
- Share what you know about democracy and its importance in society.
- Voting is a popular tool for democracy. Can you think of times when you have voted - what was the outcome? Do you believe voting is always a fair way to reach a democratic decision?
- Apart from voting, can you think of any other ways that group or community decisions could be reached?

Reflection

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KS1 focus

What is a general election?

- Listen Think Share
- Show this week's poster. What is this? Why is he in the news now? Share what you already know.
- Look at the images on resource 1. Have you seen any of these images before? Do you know what they are? How are they linked to the general election?
- Read through the information, which explains the basic structure of a general election.
- Do you have any questions?
- Is there any vocabulary that you don't know? Make a list of new words and use a dictionary or the glossary to find out their meaning. Add your glossary to a working wall that you can refer to.
- For a long time, women did not have the right to vote while men did. Did you know this? Do you think that's fair? Why?
- Today, all adults aged 18 and over are allowed to vote. Why do you think this is? Do you think this is fair?
- What opportunities do you have to vote at school or at home? (E.g., school council, story time, class rewards. Do you always get the result you want? How does it feel to not get your choice? What can you do about it?
- Does everyone get their own way in a general election? Do you think this is a fair way to choose a prime minister? Can you think of a different way?

Reflection

At 18, we will have the right to vote in a general election. Until then, we can take part in democratic activities to share our voices and make decisions together.

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KS2 focus

What are examples of democracy?

- Listen Think Share
- What is democracy? Share thoughts. The UK is a democracy, which is a system of government, in a democracy, people elect the government and have a say in how the country is run.
- A general election happens in a democracy (see resource 1 for more information about a general election). However, we can see examples of democracy in many other parts of our lives too. Can you think of any other examples of democracy?
- Read through the information on resource 2. Can you think of any examples of democracy in school? Do you elect school council members? Is there an opportunity for you to ask questions or challenge things you believe should be changed? Do you listen to each other's views?
- Focus on the comment from Henry. He says not getting your own choice is part of democracy. How do you think this applies to the general election? How do you think people will feel if their choice of government is not in power? How do you react when your vote isn't the winner?
- Being part of a democracy is sharing your voice and listening to the voice of others. Do you believe online platforms and social media have made this easier to do? Can you think of any drawbacks of people sharing views and listening to others online?
- Think about your community and local area. Do you know who your local MP was? Do you know who is coming to be your new local MP? What is the name of your local council? Do you have a town, parish or community council?

Reflection

We are part of a democracy, which means the people have the power and rule. We can share our voice and listen to the voice of others.

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KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Read and research to find out more about the different parties that are standing in the general election. Use the following to help:

- Which party was in power?
- Can you name the leaders of each party?
- Which party do you predict will win the general election? Can you find any online polls predicting the outcome?
- Who do you want to win the general election?
- Can you name any other parties?
- What colours are associated with each party?
- What logos does each party use? How does this represent what they stand for?

Option 2

Writing maths! To win a vote, someone or something must receive the majority. Think about the following:

- How many people are in your class?
- Estimate what percentage of a class vote each person would have.
- Would it be possible for 50% of your class to vote for something? Explain your answer.
- The UK's last general election was in 2019. Around 67% of the population voted. What percentage of the population did not vote?
- Roughly how many people in your class is 67%?

Challenge – hold your own class vote. Once you have the data, analyse it!

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KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Your school council are the your MPs, they can represent your interests to school leaders. Write a letter to one of the council members to raise an issue. Think about:

- How will you start your letter?
- What would you like to ask them/what issue do you want to raise?
- What action would you like them to take?
- Alternatively, would you like to become a school council member? If so, you could write to the council with your request. Think about:
- Why do you want to join the school council?
- Do you have any relevant experience? (e.g. good listener, proactive, conflict resolver)
- What would make you a great member?

Option 2

Host your own mini election! You will need to form a political party so have a think about what you might want to offer your constituents, then join up with like-minded classmates. Write your manifesto – a lot of your ideas and what you will do if you come into power – and plan your presentation. You might like to think of a party name.

Present your manifesto and then hold a vote to choose the winning party!

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This week's useful websites

This week's news story

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-62044552

This week's useful video

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announcing the general election
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q884ECvFM

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT 1

Set for a Soggy Summer?

While the UK is no stranger to wet weather, some forecasters are predicting a seriously soggy summer which could see fifty days of rain. That is ten more days of rain than the country had last summer. In order for a day to be classed as 'rainy,' there must be a minimum of 2.5mm of rainfall within 24



Pictured: Walking in the rain. Source: Getty.

hours. So far, the wettest UK summer on record was in 1912, over 110 years ago. That year saw fifty-five days of rain during the three-month summer period. The beginning of this year has indeed seen widespread rainfall in the UK, and it is thought that climate change may be behind this. As the climate warms, the atmosphere is able to hold more moisture, which can lead to higher levels of rainfall. However, in recent days, the Met Office have dismissed the precipitous predictions saying, 'It's not possible to forecast a specific number of days of rain in the UK for a whole season.' So, it looks like we might just need to wait and see – and keep our fingers crossed!

Let us know what you think about this week's news

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Bubbl-icious

Have you ever tried bubble tea?

Even if the answer is no, you have almost certainly heard of it, as the cutesy drink has gained much popularity over recent years. Also known as pearl milk tea or boba, the drink originates from Taiwan. The typically cold drink is traditionally made using black tea, milk, sugar, ice and the famous bubbles, which are called tapioca pearls. The pearls are soft and chewy and are made by mixing a starchy substance, called tapioca, with water and brown sugar. The drink's popularity has gone from strength to strength thanks to users sharing their love for bubble tea on social

media. As the super-cool beverage has travelled around the world, different variations of the drink have evolved, including the use of syrups, jellies and new flavours, such as matcha, jasmine, mango, passionfruit and so many more! The drink even has its own emoji! 🧋



Pictured: Pearl milk tea. Source: Getty.

Can the voices of the young be as powerful as those of adults?



I believe that we all need to make our opinions heard. If we feel strongly about something, we must let other people know. **Kaito**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT 2

Chasing Cheese

The world-famous Cooper's Hill Cheese Chase was back this year! The annual cheese-rolling event is held at the near-vertical Cooper's Hill, in Gloucester, England, and involves competitors chasing after a wheel of Double Gloucester cheese. The cheese is rolled down a steep embankment, and the winner is the first person down the hill! Very few of the entrants remain on their feet, with most falling and tumbling down the 180-metre hill. The much-anticipated Spring Bank Holiday event includes men's and women's downhill races, as well as adult's and children's uphill races. Only 25 people are allowed to enter each downhill race, and they do so at their own risk as many people sustain injuries whilst competing! The winner of each race receives an 8lb (3.6kg) Double Gloucester cheese wheel, the honour of being called a Cheese Champ, and the admiration of the thousands of spectators, who watch the event live or stream it! Although cheese rolling has been around for much longer, the first



Pictured: Abby Lample, women's race winner. Source: Cooper's Hill Cheese Roll Facebook page.

Cooper's Hill Cheese Roll Facebook page. races at Cooper's Hill are thought to have been held in 1826! Abby Lample, from North Carolina in the USA, is the 2024 women's champion and also won the race in 2022. Abby gave the advice of, 'Be the cheese!' You just have to roll. There's a little bit of pain, but it's just going to be temporary. Other English extreme traditional races include the Tetbury Woolstack Races, where racers carry a heavy woolstack, weighing up to 27kg, around a course.

Do you think that it is good to keep these odd, quirky traditions going?

Flamingo Lays First Egg Aged 70

A 70-year-old flamingo has surprised many by laying an egg for the first time ever this spring! Gertrude lives at Pentstropes Nature Reserve in Norfolk, UK, part of a flock of around sixty flamingos. Although her egg is not fertile or viable so it will not hatch, staff say that it is a great indication of how happy and healthy Gertrude is. Ben Marshall, from Pentstropes Nature Reserve, said, 'This has still been a fantastic experience for Gertrude to display her maternal instincts, partner up, and sit on a nest along with the rest of the flock. Whilst Gertrude won't have an egg to hatch this year, lots of our other flamingos are due to hatch their flaminglets in a few weeks. We know that Gertrude is very protective of the young in the flock and will make a great



Pictured: Gertrude and her egg. Source: Pentstropes Nature Reserve's page. aunt and babysitter of the impending young.'

Did you know that baby flamingos are called flaminglets? They also learn to swim very early – not long after they have learned to walk! Do you know any more flamingo facts?

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I think it is more difficult for children to make their voices heard. Adults can use social media. **Tomas**

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Is voting the best way to change things?

In the news this week

Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has announced that a UK general election is to take place on 4th July. He made the announcement in a press conference outside 10 Downing Street. Parliament was dissolved on Thursday 20th May, and the members of Parliament have returned to being members of the public. Many are campaigning to be re-elected. A general election is when people over 18 can vote for who they want to represent them in the UK parliament. It could mean a new government party and new leader for the UK this summer.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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IT IS **ESSENTIAL** EACH TIME YOU DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT BREAKFAST CLUB, **YOU BRING YOUR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL HALL, GIVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND MONEY TO THE MEMBER OFF STAFF SAT AT THE TABLE NEAR THE PATIO DOORS.**

PLEASE **DO NOT** DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT THE SCHOOL GATES.

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