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Welcome Back

I hope you had a great holiday! We have had a fantastic week in school and the children have settled back into school life really quickly.

Investors in Pupils

As you will know from the letter that was sent to the children earlier this week, we have once again achieved the Investors in Pupils award. I am really proud of the report that the school has received and I believe it reflects the hard work of all the children and staff. I would also like to thank Miss Fidler for all her hard work in preparing the academy for the award.

The report states, "The strong sense of teamwork and togetherness was immediately evident at the school and further confirmed during the reassessment process. Relationships (pupil-pupil, pupil-adult and adult-adult) are of the highest quality." It continues to say, "Parents praised the school's communication systems and the way that children's achievements are celebrated in school. They feel that their children are really listened to, they are supported and their needs are met, both academic and social and emotional: 'There is always someone you can talk to'... 'He comes home full of energy and boasts about what he has done'. Parents who were interviewed were unstinting in their praise for the school, echoing Ofsted's comment in 2015 that *'Parents' views are very positive'*.

Our next step is to make sure that all parents are aware of the Investors in Pupils target every child sets each term. Therefore, each child will be bringing home a copy of their new target in the next two weeks. The full report is now available to read on the school website. It can be found under the "External Accreditations of Our Academy" section.

Teaching and Learning

There is information on the school website about what the teachers have planned for your child this term. We continue to have high expectations for all our children and we ask you as parents to support us in this. We all want the best for our children so please have a look at the information under the "Curriculum" section of our website.

Library

Reading continues to be a focus for development for the academy and we must encourage our children to read for pleasure. The times when your child will visit the library this half-term are given below. Please ensure your child brings their library book back to school on this day so that they can change it and take out a new book.

Year 1	Tuesday 1 st May and Tuesday 15 th May
Year 2	Wednesday 2 nd May and Wednesday 16 th May
Year 3	Thursday 3 rd May and Thursday 17 th May
Year 4	Tuesday 24 th April, Tuesday 8 th May and Tuesday 22 nd May
Year 5	Wednesday 25 th April, Wednesday 9 th May and Wednesday 23 rd May
Year 6	Thursday 26 th April, Thursday 10 th May and Thursday 24 th May

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated money at our Sport Relief event before the holidays. In total, we raised £383! During the day, the children got the chance to create art work from copper coins. The idea, thought up by the School Council, proved to be very successful. Afterwards, Chloe said, "I enjoyed making three different pictures with the coins. My favourite was the design that encouraged more people to get sporty!"

I am looking forward to another really successful term and to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

