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Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

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Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Ideas to support behaviour issues — Family Learning Course for parents/carers

It was great to see several parents/carers at the first session of our new FREE course on 'Behaviour Support for your Child' on Tuesday morning. The course will continue for the next four Tuesdays from 9.05-11.00am. **There are a few more places available, so even if you didn't attend the first session you can come along next week to try it out.** You will learn about behaviours to encourage and discourage in children, routines and structure, boundaries and expectations, positive relationships and quality time together, plus actions and consequences. For more information, or to book a place, please speak to Elizabeth or the anyone in the school office.

School Photographs

Thank you to Kittle, our school photographers, who did a great job taking the children's photographs on Monday, and special thanks to Ann, who organised the day with precision, ensuring that it all went smoothly. In about 10 days' time you will receive proofs of your child's photographs with full instructions on how to place orders.

Street Dance

Estelle's Street Dance Club children are working hard and having a lot of fun every Wednesday after school. At the moment they are busy practising their steps for an assembly showcasing their talent which is set for Friday 14th December. Parents/carers of the club children will be invited to attend this assembly.



Year 1/2

Last week KS1 did lots of work around the traditional tale, *The Enormous Turnip*. Their week began with a mysterious, dirty object in the classrooms. They soon discovered that the object was in fact a turnip - a vegetable that had been picked from the soil. After reading the story and acting it out, they wrote impressive retells of the tale. Finally, each class finished up their learning by making and tasting their own vegetable soup.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ideas to support behaviour issues

A 5-week course for parents/carers of EYFS children on Tuesdays 9.05-11.15am starting Tuesday 6th November

Cinema Night

Tuesday 20th November

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 22nd November

Tuesday 27th November

Christmas Fair

Tuesday 4th December after school

Last day of Term

Friday 21st December

Please note that holidays are not authorised during term time. Unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty charge being issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:

How do you show people that you care?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Muntaha (Purple Class) for being an excellent role model, being extremely helpful and always giving 100% effort to everything she does



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Yellow	Crimson	Yellow & Green
KS2	Brown	All < 95%	Pink

Word of the week

Astonishing

Definition: extremely surprising or impressive; amazing.

Use of the word **astonishing** in a sentence:

It was astonishing to stand on the seashore and watch the sun rise over the horizon.

2018 Word of the Year

'Single-use' is 2018's word of the year. According to Collins Dictionary, in the last five years, use of this word has increased four-fold, which reflects growing global awareness of environmental issues. 'Single use' refers mainly to plastic products made to be used just once and then thrown away, which means they are harmful to the planet. The European Parliament has voted for a complete ban on several single-use plastics, including plastic cutlery and plates, cotton buds, straws, drink-stirrers and balloon sticks. It also wants to see a reduction in single-use plastic food and drink containers, like plastic cups. One MEP said that if no action is taken, 'by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans'. Let's all make an effort to help prevent damage to life on Planet Earth by using less, or even better, no 'single-use' plastics.



Halloween Party at Playcentre

Last Thursday Playcentre was packed to the rafters for their Halloween party. The children had an amazing time making decorations and then hanging them up the Lodge, baking cakes and biscuits, having a party and going out 'trick or treating' with the playcentre staff. Huge thanks to Vicky, Jackie, Fahima and Laura for making the event so much fun for the children, and to Morrisons, Marks & Spencer and Iceland for being so generous when the children and staff went into the shops. Also, huge thanks to Kaleb's mum for all her contributions to the party.



Free things to do in London with Children

There are lots of fun free and low-cost activities to do and places to go with children in London, including visits to museums and art galleries, historic landmarks and attractions, parks and gardens. An internet search of 'fun free activities for children in London' will give you lots of ideas.

There is a beautiful light and sound display on at Tower London at the moment to commemorate the centenary of the end of the first World War, *Beyond the Deepening Shadow* is an evolving installation that is

unfolding over the course of four hours, between 17:00 and 21:00 each evening, with the Tower moat gradually becoming illuminated by individual flames.

