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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all the contributions to the Sports Relief Charity. Once we have totalled up the donations we shall let you know the amount raised. I am sure we will have a wonderful morning sampling a variety of sports, working together in our House Teams.

CORONAVIRUS

As you will have heard on the news last night, whilst there is no planned closure for schools at this moment, people displaying any symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days. In terms of managing germs in school, we are encouraging children to wash their hands throughout the day and cough into their elbows.

If your child is displaying any symptoms: cold, runny nose, temperature, cough, they are required to stay at home and please inform the school. They are then required to stay away from school for 7 days.

If staff are ill with similar symptoms, they will also self-isolate. It is important that we have the correct number of staff/roles for first aid and safeguarding and ratios. As you can imagine there will be an increase on demand for Supply Teachers and we may not always be able to find cover for a class.

I will of course step in and teach classes, as I am today. This does mean that I may not be able to respond to emails sent during the school day or be available to meet with parents. I will endeavour to respond to any messages as soon as possible.

Please keep an eye out for any emails sent from school / information on the West Sussex County Council website, for any changes or updates.

On a more positive note....

CONGRATULATIONS to the winning House Team: Pheasants

They made the most progress over the week, collecting 9 more stars than the previous week. They enjoyed a special cake with their House Team teacher Miss Yarahmadi during House Team Worship on Wednesday.

UPDATE: BINGO

We have decided to cancel the family bingo on the 25th March and hope to reschedule this for later in the year.

UPDATE: WILLOW WALK

Willow Class were unable to go up Levin Down this week for their walk. We hope this will now happen next week, providing we have correct staffing ratios.

In the Loop: Ready, Respectful and Responsible to Learn

This week the children have been working in House Teams to consider the following questions:

- What does a 'ready to learn learner' look like?
- What might stop you from being ready to learn?
- What does a 'respectful learner' look like?
- How does it feel if someone is not a respectful learner?
- What does a 'responsible learner' look like?
- How does it feel when someone is not a responsible learner?

The children's answers were very honest and helped the staff to understand how children in school feel. Their voices are very important and we take their feelings seriously.

At the follow up staff meeting, we talked about a Behaviour Improvement strategy, which we are going to deploy for the whole school. Now children have articulated what a 'ready, respectful and responsible learner looks like' they will be expected to demonstrate these behaviours. If they do not the following will happen:

Step 1: 3 verbal warnings to alter their behaviour in relation to the expectations

Step 2: asked to work outside the class door (Oak and Beech classes) OR have time out in a thinking space (Willow class)

Step 3: asked to go to another teacher in school/class

Step 4: asked to come to my room and I shall contact their parent/carer.

Each new lesson is a new start – unless I have had to contact you, in which case I will discuss the next course of action. We understand that all humans make mistakes. As a Christian school, we show compassion, understanding and forgiveness. However, it is also every child's right to learn and we must ensure this can happen.

This behaviour improvement strategy is to support ALL learners – and to ensure Singleton can be a positive place for everyone.

Worship : Focus: God's wonderful world

Reading is from: **Psalm 145 V 9-13**

Hymn: Everywhere Around Me

We are looking out for: Children who are ready to learn

The week ahead:

Monday 10 th February	Marmalade Club for children who have signed up: Beech Class	3-4pm
Friday 14 February	Swimming for Beech and Oak classes.	

Have a lovely and hopefully healthy weekend.

Kind regards

Theresa Smyth