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Our values: Encouragement, Friendship, Respect,
Responsibility and Truthfulness.

DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

The last week of a long and busy first half term. The children have been fantastic settling into new classes, new routines and following our 5 chosen values. We continue to work on manners and behaviour and it is good to see the children praising each other and putting friends in the gold book for being kind.

Thank you for your feedback at Parent meetings. It is interesting to see such divided opinions over uniform, competition and sugar in school. We will look at all the comments and use them to reflect on our practice. A couple of quick clarification points. We do not use food as a reward in class and cake sales now happen at OUP who really appreciate them and they help to raise much needed funds thanks to Esther to whom we are very grateful. Secondly we will not be removing our puddings as they are part of a balanced lunch and children always have the option to choose fruit. We believe it is important not to make too big a deal over food.

Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful if wet time doing Forest School activities in the mud at Hill End – thank you to everyone who helped and contributed. We would love to go more often and hope to raise the money to do so. We also hope to develop the outdoor space at school using some of the PTA funds.

Sadly, we say good-bye to Mrs Troop who has a job much closer to home and Mrs Feitosa who is returning to Brazil. We will miss them both and are very grateful for all they have done for the school.

We wish everyone a very happy break and look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 5th November ready for school photos for those who have given permission.

Karen Donaghey

Please follow us on twitter @BarnabasBuzz
We post lots of pictures of school activities.

ACTION PLEASE...

The once in a lifetime trip for Years 5 and 6 to the Tutankhamun exhibition is coming up and we are delighted to say we are able to go ahead thanks to the generosity of parents who donated extra funds. Thank you very much on behalf of the children. Please remember the coach leaves at 7.45am so please be on time.

- <https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/about> Please keep collecting the stickers from Aldi. We are only half full so far so please be persistent and ask for stickers if you shop in Aldi. I hear some people have even contacted their head office! Thank you.
- For After School Club if you are going to be late please phone 07943967237 to let us know. The club finishes at 5.30pm but we do have some persistent late collectors which is difficult for the both children and the staff.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL. Please check cereal bars and snacks and do not send products such as Nutella to school. This includes pine nuts, humus and tahini.**

THANK YOU

LEARNING HOMEWORK

Thank you for the feedback on Homework at Parents Evening; we made the changes because of numerous research papers on homework at Primary School saying the activity that makes the difference is reading and practice. We appreciate some people would like more advice and we will address that after half term. In the meantime, half term is a great time for lots of reading.

Those children enjoying using Times table Rock Stars; little and often is the way forward. We certainly have not asked the children to spend more than 15-20 minutes on it whatever they may say!