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Dear Families,

Another very busy week at SPA- 7 weeks in now since the Summer Holidays! We are looking forward to our School Disco tonight and then a nice rest over the weekend before the last week of this extra long Half Term. We have certainly packed lots in!

On Monday, one of our new Governors came to have a look around our school and visited all classes. She was very interested to hear from our Prefects and the important pupil leadership role they have. We are very proud of our Year 6 Prefects- they do so much. We are having a think about how to share their work- watch this space!

On Tuesday, we carried out a leadership review of writing in Years 3 and 4. We were joined by a leader from outside of our school. They were very impressed with our writing curriculum, the children's attitude to writing and the quality of the children's handwriting. We identified that spellings are an area that we need to look closely at. In particular the spelling of words we use every day such as: because, which and where and homophones such as 'there', 'their' and 'they're.' We spotted that teachers are seeing errors such as 'coz' instead of 'because' and 'witch' instead of 'which'. We had a good chat about this as a team and recognise that the world of 'text speak' is a big challenge for children. So- we will be looking at the spellings we are asking the children to learn at home and adding some of these high frequency words and also using our handwriting lessons to practise writing these words out too.

Thank you to all the Reception and Year 1 families for coming to our Parents' Evenings this week led by Miss Lee (Little Terns' maternity cover class teacher) and Mr Hurrell (Butterflies maternity cover class teacher). We are very pleased with how well the children have settled in and the progress they are making. Both Miss Lambert and Miss Purple have been in touch to check in on how things are going whilst they are on maternity leave.

On Thursday we had our whole school photographs. The children were fantastic at following the routine and we were able to get through all classes, siblings and get Year 5 to swimming on time with half an hour to spare! We really have got this down to a fine art now- thank you Mrs Oxborough!

Harvest: A message from Miss Lee

We are celebrating Harvest in school through our Collective Worship time. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busy rehearsing songs to share with Year 3 and 4 in an upcoming assembly too. We are also collecting donations to share with a local food bank to support the community. **If you are able, please send in dried, non perishable or tinned foods within their best before dates. Donations can be handed to the class teacher and the last day to donate will be Monday 20th October.**

Flu vaccination

A reminder that the Norfolk Immunisation Team will be visiting our school on the 23rd of October.

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I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs N Kaye



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