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Dear Families,

We have had lots of visitors in our school this week. On Monday, Mr Gordan- our new interim Chair of Governors came to tour our school. He was very impressed with how focused the children were in class and enjoyed talking to them about **The SPA Way** and finding out what this is.

On Tuesday, we were visited by leaders from our Trust including the deputy CEO. They visited all classes including our new Ducklings' Nursery and our Red Foxes provision. We were very proud to hear our deputy CEO describe our SEND provision as exemplary and that she would like us to share this with other schools in our Trust.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Father Nigel from St Peter St Paul Church. Father Nigel delivered Collective Worship to Year 6 and also did a welcome in Year 5. He is coming back again soon to support in other classes and also to lead a whole school Collective Worship session.

We were very excited to hear about a wonderful opportunity coming soon to St Peter St Paul which will be available for children **in Years 4, 5 and 6 after Half Term** on a Tuesday after school. The Church will be offering free choral tuition to set up a children's choir. A flier is attached with this newsletter. To show our support for this, a taster session will take place at our school after the school day on **Tuesday the 7th of October** in our hall for half an hour from 3.30- 4pm. This is an opportunity for children who are interested to see what this is like and to have a go. **Children must be accompanied by a parent/ carer.**

A Google form will be coming out soon for families to sign up for his taster session.

We met with members of our PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends Association) this week to plan some exciting events for the year ahead. Details will be coming soon. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful group of parents then please let us know. Our PTFA run some wonderful events including 'Treat Tuesdays', bingo, discos and various competitions throughout the school year. These events raise much needed funds for our school. We are very grateful for their support! Thank you PTFA!

Our safeguarding procedure when a child is absent

Thank you for getting your children to school on time and for following our procedure for any requests for leave of absence during term time. Our gates open at 8.40am and shut at 8.45am. Learning starts promptly at 8.45am. Any child who arrives after our gates close must go to the main office. Our office staff may not be available immediately as they could be on the phone or elsewhere in our school supporting a child. It is vital that children arrive on time to school before our gates close as if they arrive after the gates are closed they could be unattended whilst they wait in our office for a

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member of our school staff team. Our office team then have to ensure that your child is recorded in the register and escort them to their class.

Our safeguarding procedure includes phoning the parent/ carer of any child who does not turn up for school where we are not already aware of a planned absence to check that all is well. On very rare occasions, we are aware that this phone call takes place as a child then arrives to school. This can cause frustration and unnecessary worry for the parent/ carer of the child concerned but the phone call will have been made before we are aware that your child has arrived. This can be avoided by arriving on time before the gates close. Thank you. Mrs Curtis is available for any families who would like any support with this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs N Kaye



Headteacher

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