

# Weekly Word

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\*Super Y5 Writing...HNS Superhero competition...Bonfire Night artwork\*

To all Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a good half term and you all enjoyed some kind of restful week. Again, welcome back to our Y2 classes who are back in school now following their bubble closure. Initial feedback about Remote Learning and our new approach has been positive; particularly the morning meetings with their class teacher and the virtual breaktimes! It's a big step forward for all of us so any further feedback is always welcome.

In other news, a big thank you to all the children who entered the 'Worry Box' competition. There were quite a few to choose from and now, following a class vote, there should be one in each classroom ☺ Earlier in the week I did an assembly on Sleep as this was something that came up in some of the children's questionnaires. It was quite interesting listening to the children's responses; including how much sleep they thought they needed and what the impact of too little sleep was on their minds and bodies. Hopefully this assembly opened their eyes to the importance of sleep and how getting it right can boost your learning and concentration power at school.

Speaking of assemblies, this afternoon's Star of the Week had an extra certificate being handed out: 'Presentation Champion'. One of the things we have noticed with some children since we came back is a slight dip in presentation. So it's your handwriting, use of a ruler etc etc. Every Friday a light will be shone on this and we are looking for the most improved effort in each year group.

Next week is Parent/Carer meetings. As you know, due to restrictions, it is slightly different this year and we are having the meetings by phone. The office have said that we are at approximately 98% take up which is great – just a gentle reminder to any parents/carers who haven't booked a slot, there is still time!

It wouldn't be a Weekly Word at the moment without mentioning wellies! Thank you for sending your child in with a pair and for doing your bit to save our carpets! Thank you also to anyone who has brought in some spares. From Monday we will be starting a rota for the playground, field, trim track and MUGA, meaning that throughout the course of a half term your child will get to play on a different part of the grounds each week – making it a bit more fair. This follows feedback from the children and some parents.

Another thank you for adhering to our new guidance around the wearing of masks and social distancing. I know some parents/carers have said they feel even safer at drop off and collection which can only be a good thing.

And lastly, as much as I don't like to end on a negative, we have received more than a few emails from neighbouring residents regarding parking. I am pleased to report that parking on the yellow zigzags in front of school seems to be very rare at the moment but all of these emails have described the individual being 'shouted at' or 'verbally abused' on the surrounding streets. Although I have not been made aware of these incidents by Markeaton parents/carers, I do feel it is necessary to bring this to your attention. If you witness any incident of a similar nature then please can you let me know.

Have a good weekend and see you Monday  
Mr I. Johnson