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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,



### Crazy, crazy hair day!

It was lovely to see so many children (and staff!) with crazy hair on Thursday. I'm just sorry I didn't get more photos 😞 A fabulous £130 raised! Thank you!

### Half term at last!

Though to be honest, the time has whizzed by. Lots of new challenges this year, but the children have risen to the task magnificently. True, we have never used as many paper towels as we have in the past 7 weeks, but we have, by working together, kept everyone healthy. So far. Covid is, undeniably, creeping ever closer, so we need to keep vigilant. Please take care over half term; see the poster from the police to the right. We want to see everyone back in school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



### Proud!

This week, I've been looking at data and comparing the results of our latest assessments with those that we took just before lockdown way back in March. I am delighted to be able to tell you that, although the numbers of children achieving ARE (Age Related Expectations) and GD (Greater Depth) in Writing has gone down, in Reading and Maths the numbers are pretty much the same. Isn't that brilliant? Clear evidence of everyone's hard work over lockdown – children, parents and teachers. I think we should all take a moment to sit down, pat ourselves on the back and feel proud. Teachers will have shared with you at Parent's Evening last week more individual feedback – please do get in touch if you have any concerns.





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We're also really proud of Mrs Kirwin and her gardening group, some of whom are pictured here. They've been working really hard on the design and construction of our spiritual garden. In recognition of her efforts, Mrs K has been awarded the Level One Gardening award from the Royal Horticultural Society. Super job!

## Handy Paws

Numbers are quite low in Handy Paws this year. If you know anyone looking for a nursery place, please could you mention us to them. We are still doing visits – just phone the office for an appointment.

Hope you're all having a lovely half term!

Nicola Brooke



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