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*We care, we share, we learn and achieve*

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Dear Parents,

**School Photographs – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

I would like to inform parents that the children will be having their photographs taken on the morning of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. These will be made available for you to buy although I would like to stress, at this point, that parents are under no obligation to purchase photographs at any time.

Parents who wish to include Pre-school, Middle or High School siblings in the photographs may report to the school office at 8.30am. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would not like brothers and sisters to be photographed together, in addition, to their individual photographs. You will be able to decide whether to purchase the photographs after you have received 'proof' photographs with prices. Payment details will also follow at this point.

**Inconsiderate Parking**

As I am sure you are aware, we receive frequent complaints from neighbours and parents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. I am pleased to be able to inform parents that the police are looking to act on this as part of the latest "You Said, We Did" initiative. Local policing teams in Bromsgrove, Rubery, Alvechurch, Wythall and Hagley are seeking to better promote safer parking near schools by asking members of the public to take a photo and send it to them if they see vehicles parked in a dangerous or inconsiderate manner, which could pose a risk to children, vulnerable people or other road users.

West Mercia Police is committed to trying to make sure vulnerable road users and local communities feel safe and they would like the public to help them by providing digital images and footage, which they will include in their evidence when resolving parking incidents on roads outside schools.

This new initiative will provide a facility for the public to share images and help raise awareness and bring justice to those who continue to park inconsiderately and dangerously, especially if it is supported by details of the time, date and exact location (street, town and postcode) of the vehicle when the photo was taken. It is also important to have a high quality photo, which clearly shows the Vehicle Registration Mark (VRM).

By encouraging the community to get involved, the police hope to empower local people to keep our schools and young people safe by capturing details of offending vehicles and sending images directly to their Safer Neighbourhood Teams via a dedicated email address

[OperationLollipop @westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:OperationLollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

Officers will then investigate and make contact with the registered keeper to take appropriate action where possible. We would be grateful if parents would use this service when they see cars parked inconsiderately, especially if this causes a danger to our pupils and their families, particularly if they are on hatchings, zig-zags or double yellow lines outside School or if double parking would prevent access for emergency vehicles.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and friends of the school who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. We managed to raise £1,305.64 for Macmillan Cancer Research and the children are so proud that they were able to raise so much money for such a worthwhile cause whilst also being able to provide food parcels to two homeless shelters in Bromsgrove.

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### **School Council**

I would like to congratulate the following children who have been elected onto the School Council following this week's Class elections:

Erin Parry – Woodpeckers  
Samuel Hampson – Kingfishers  
Greg Smith – Owls  
Rory Stanton – Kestrels  
Luke Bennison – Squirrels  
Charlotte Bevins – Otters  
Theo Jones – Foxes  
Esme Patterson - Badgers  
Kelso Palin and Bella Hopkins (Joint Chair Persons - Year 4)

### **Parent Survey**

Further to my letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> October, please could I request that you complete the short questionnaire, which can be found at

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

It is vital that a large proportion of our parents complete this survey to ensure that we get a true reflection of the views of parents. To complete the short survey, you simply need an email address and to create a password to register.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans  
Head Teacher

