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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of the first half of the Summer Term, and, as usual, it is astonishing how fast time seems to pass. It only seems a second ago that we were finishing the Easter holidays. We've had a positive and productive half term and now that the sun is starting to break through again after a period of damp weather, it makes everyone feel optimistic. We hope you all enjoy your bank holiday weekend and half term break – the weather forecasts look good so have fun and don't forget the sunscreen!

A number of children have told us that they are going for short breaks; camping with families and so on. It is lovely to see life returning a little more to normal and we all welcome it. Do be careful, however, to remain conscious of the need for continued safety and vigilance regarding Covid-19 measures. It would be awful to have another outbreak in school after half term and we will need to continue all measures we have in place a little while longer. We will be reviewing our risk assessment and procedures again in a Governors meeting after the half term. For now, at least, the staggered starts and finishes and other measures will remain in place.

Mrs Garcia returned to us this week after her maternity leave. We are very glad to welcome her back. She asked me to pass on this message: 'Thank you to all of the children and parents for my lovely warm welcome back to school this week. The greetings and smiles have definitely made each morning a happy one! It is great to be back seeing the children and their great work. Something I definitely missed. I look forward to seeing many more of you over the next few weeks.'

Praying as a family

We have continued in our prayers this week on the theme of Pentecost, which was last Sunday. We'd like to share with you the following prayer reflection, from CAFOD:

At Pentecost we hear how Jesus appears again to his disciples. We can see our oneness with God exemplified. The Father reunites Jesus with his followers, who gifts them the Holy Spirit, so that they would continue to live as he had taught them.

At times we may despair at the darkness in this world, but we must remember that Jesus is still as near to us now as he was to his disciples.

So, with the help of the Holy Spirit, let us try to follow the perfect example of Christ, and remember our brothers and sisters in every corner of the world who are in need. We pray particularly for those in India who are facing such illness and devastation at this time.

We also try to let the peace of God rest within us, and rejoice in the hope that his work is not done yet. Finally, we trust in his goodness and wait patiently upon him.

The Wednesday Word for the Sundays around half term is attached to this newsletter.

Caring, Learning and Achieving together as part of God's Family

A message from Miss Buchan re Gardening Club:

Due to the over subscription of gardening club, we are going to have to change the groups around. The current group have 1 session left after half term. If anyone from year 2 or year 3 would like to sign up to the club, please email yellow@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk or green@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk. We do have limited numbers and it will be on a first come first served basis. We already have a list of children waiting to join.

If you have already been part of gardening club this half term, you can still sign up in case we do have some spare spaces left.

Thank you

Emma Chapman in Y6 would like to thank everyone who sponsored her for the Marsden March. She completed this last Sunday. She has raised around £320 she believes. Well done Emma.

Royal Mail Stamp Competition

Like many other schools across the country we are taking part in the Royal mail Stamp competition to honour heroes of the pandemic. We have sent our entries off to be judged along with over 8000 other entries...Fingers crossed we might have a winner when they announce the results in September.

Stars of the week

Congratulation to all our stars of the week:

Class	Stars of the week
RED	Xavy & Michael
ORANGE	Quincy & Olive
YELLOW	Arthur & Joseph
GREEN	Christine & Tristan
BLUE	Alfie, Arthur & Isabella
INDIGO	James S & Mia
AMETHYST	Elaina & Matilda
VIOLET	Joseph & Zephaniah

Happy Birthday to Tobi, Esther & Mrs Chandler who have had birthdays this week and Amelia, Alex, Caterina & Ornella who have birthdays during half term.

This week's attendance awards are as follows:

Y3 - 100 % Attendance and Punctuality – Well done Green Class, a double whammy!

Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 - 100% Punctuality - well done!

Have a lovely half term break. If you are away from home, stay safe.

Mr Mooney, Miss Holloway & Mrs Garcia