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Dear parents,

What a first term back – it has been fantastic! Firstly I want to say how immensely proud I am of each and every child. They have worked incredibly hard and the atmosphere in the school has been outstanding. Our weekly assemblies via zoom have been thoroughly enjoyed and I have been so impressed by the number of respect and responsibility cards awarded by staff and by children to others. This afternoon, we are sending the Harvest donations to Pilsdon at Malling Community and local food bank charities. Thank you all for your support with this school community event.

Today's filming has been a great example of how the Mereworth staff team have come together to help with all the preparation and organisation alongside our wonderful children, showcasing their hard work across a range of activities. Our Year 6 children have been an integral part of the planning process and have written the voice over script and I would like to thank the children for their work on this project. We hope to be able to share the finished film with you after half term and would be grateful if you would continue to promote our Reception tours that will be taking place after school during Term 2. All the details are available here: <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/september-2021-intake> We also had a professional photographer, who is parent from the school, taking photographs of the children today. She offered to provide this service voluntarily and we hope to update the school website with these pictures next month. We are extremely grateful for her time and support. Her work can be viewed via her website: <https://www.kittygale.co.uk>

November 2020 Parent Consultation Meetings:

These will take place from Monday 16th November via Zoom. **Details of how to book your slot and join your meeting are in the attached letter.** On Friday 13th November, you will receive information about your child's attainment and progress since September 2020 and what steps we are taking to ensure that any lost learning from last school year is identified and addressed.

FOMS:

Our first FOMS event will be a non-uniform day called 'Break the rules day.' **This will take place on Friday 13th November (week 2).** More details on all the FOMS events organised for this school year will be shared with all parents after half term.

Finally, thank you all for your support during this first term back at school and for supporting all our protective procedures and systems in place that have enabled us to keep the whole school community safe. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work over the course of this very busy term.

Have a wonderful half term holiday with your family, the children certainly deserve a good rest after working so hard over the last 8 weeks.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Lavelle
Head Teacher