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Dear Parent/Carers,

Curriculum Change Coffee Morning

This year, as part of our whole school improvement, we are focussing on the quality of the provision that we offer in our Foundation Subject Curriculum. These subject areas include: History, Geography, Art, DT and Music.

In an ever changing world, we are very aware as a staff that, although we strive to provide an exciting and stimulating curriculum to our children, there are many things in the National Curriculum that does not fully prepare our children for their futures. Therefore, currently we are looking very closely at our Curriculum Map and at opportunities where we can include more environmental topics, Science, Technology, Maths and Computing. We will also be looking at teaching the skills the children will need in their future lives such as presenting, problem solving, developing creativity, aiming high, leadership and team work.

As part of this piece of work, we would like to invite you on Friday 5th October at 9am for an informal chat with a cup of tea so we can gather any ideas you may have to develop our curriculum even further so that it is truly relevant to our children for their future lives in employment.

We would also like to create a parents/carers skills database as so many of you have incredible jobs and experiences which we know would further enhance the current curriculum. If you work in a particular industry or have contact or even have a certain skill or expertise that you think may benefit our children in any way, please complete the form below as we would really appreciate any links that might help make the children's learning even more relevant and inspiring .

If you are unable to make the coffee morning, please complete the form below with any ideas you may have.

School Council

As many of you are aware we have a School Council who are usually voted in at the start of every academic year. From this year, the voting for School Council will be on Friday 16th November. This is because from now on we will be linking our School Council speeches and votes to UK Parliament Week. Therefore, children from last year's School Council will remain as class representatives until November.

To help the children understand why we run School Council and link it to the wider world, we will be taking KS2 school council members from last year and the new representatives for 2018/19 to the Houses of Parliament for a tour and talk about democracy and debating. The school council children will then present an assembly to the whole school as to what they learnt and saw on their day out.



Remembrance Day – 100 year Anniversary

In November we will all be commemorating the end of the First World War by each child making a large poppy that will be displayed on the school fences. We will be doing this as a whole school at an age appropriate level for the children. Year Six's topic this term is World War One and they will be looking much more closely at the causes and effects of 'The War to end all Wars'. The children in Year Six will also be visiting the Imperial War Museum in London.



Black History Month

This year we will be linking our focus on Black History Month to 70 years of the NHS and Windrush as today, people of BME backgrounds make up almost a quarter of the NHS workforce.

For the younger children, we will be looking at modern day nursing and linking this to the life and work of Mary Seacole.

We will be not only be investigating the impact that Windrush had on the workforce of the NHS, but also recognising the work of all of the incredible and extraordinary NHS staff – the everyday heroes of our country who have probably helped all of us and our families at some point.



Community Projects

As part of our school commitment to ensuring our children understand the part they play in the wider community and the responsibility we all have to making our world a better place, each year group has been tasked with undertaking a community project. Year Five are starting the school off by organizing and holding the 'World's Largest Coffee Morning' on Thursday 27th September. We also have a group of children in Year Three that are setting up an 'Eco Warriors' group that will look at:

- Planting more trees, hedges and wildlife in our school grounds
- Setting up a recycling scheme at school especially in the dining hall
- Encouraging the children to turn off computers at the wall when they've finished with them

Over the course of the year, each year group will keep you informed of what their community project is and how you can help us achieve our goal. As you can see, we are going to try and help those near and far with our projects, so if you have any ideas please let us know.



We look forward to hearing your ideas and are all excited about the many exciting opportunities the year ahead will bring.

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Head Teacher



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Developing The Curriculum Coffee Morning on Friday 5th October 2018 at 9 am

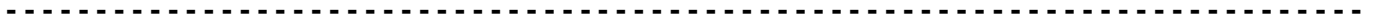
Child's Name Class

I am able to attend to coffee morning.

I am unable to attend the coffee morning. However, I have the following suggestion:

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Signed Date



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Parents/carers skills/area of expertise database

Child's Name Class

I have the following area of skill/expertise and am happy for my name and details to be kept on the database.

Name

Phone number

Email address

Area of skill/expertise

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Signed Date