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Dear Parents/Carers,

myHappymind

myHappymind is an award winning, whole school curriculum that teaches children habits to support positive mental health, resilience and self-esteem. We will be continuing with the programme this year.

There are 5 Modules that form a consistent approach throughout school and will be taught until Summer 2 when the last half term will look at all the different modules with a variety of activities to support transition.

This half term Meet the brain – introduces children to the scientific vocabulary of the

brain, Hippocampus, Amygdala and Pre-frontal Cortex and the jobs they do. This is supported by a character Team HAP

Children are also taught techniques and strategies to support them based around mindfulness and meditation which is called Happy Breathing.

Handwriting and Pen licences

We have introduced a different way of practising letter formations and joins this year and I am pleased to share the children have responded positively to this.

All children have a daily opportunity to practise which will support them to translate their skill in to all writing.

The first set of pen licences have been awarded and many children are close to receiving theirs. Well done!

Class Marbles

Our Core Values of Compassion, Peace, Justice, Endurance and Friendship are fostered in all aspects of our work. The Core Values are explored during Collective Worships and revisited regularly in lessons. When children demonstrate them, they may be awarded a marble for their class jar. Once the jar is filled, the whole class is rewarded with a treat. The class jars are beginning to fill up which will result in rewards very soon. Thank you and well done everyone.

Attendance and punctuality

Thank you for your support with keeping the amount of learning time lost to a minimum. IN addition to Classopoly rewards, children achieving at least 97% attendance this year will access a free trip to Ten Pin Bowling in Dewsbury. This trip has been really well received by the children over the last couple of years.

Whilst most children are arriving to school on time, we have noticed a slight rise in lateness. In line with school policy, families will be sent a notification of late arrival on Arbour. The school gates open at 8:20 am and school starts at 8:30 am. Children arriving after their door is closed will need to use the front entrance to access the building. They will be marked as late.

Playground apparatus

We have noticed a number of younger/older siblings using the playground equipment during drop off and collection times. **This apparatus is for the use of children attending Bywell whilst under the supervision of the Bywell Team**. They must not be used at any other time for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you for your on-going support of our school.

Ms Z Adam

(Head Teacher)