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Dear Parents,

It has been so nice to see so many of you this week attending Parents' Evening Appointments – thank you for coming. I overheard many conversations in the corridors from children proudly sharing their work. I do know they love to look through their books to find out which work you have put the post-it note on when they return to the books in lessons next week – thank you.

I hope we can see many of you next week at the Landing Pad Assemblies. We do not do Landing Pad Assemblies for children in Reception this term as it can be rather overwhelming for them – for parents of children in Reception you will be invited to Landing Pads in the new year (and obviously the Nativity!) Next week Landing Pads for other year groups will start at 2:15pm. Please queue up at the gate near the mobile classroom for your entry to school. The Landing Pads for Year 1 and 2 will be held on Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday and Years 5 and 6 on Thursday. We would ask you to send in/bring in Harvest donations during the week that we will gather together and donate to the Folkestone Rainbow Centre. The Rainbow Centre are particularly looking for the following: White cooking sauce, curry sauce, custard, squash, long life milk, pickles, long life juice, coffee, cooking oil, mayonnaise, noodles, tinned fruit, gluten free foods, honey, chocolate spread, tinned fish, pesto, cereals, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, deodorants. However, all donations will gratefully be received.

On the reverse of this newsletter is our Parent Workshops Timetable for the year. If you have previously attended any of our workshops you will know the quality of them speaks for itself. If you have not please do see if there are any that would work for you. I can assure you that you will be pleased you came along!

As we are approaching the end of term 1, most children are now settling well into their new classes and new routines. However, we know that there are always some children who struggle with adapting to this change and may experience some anxieties about coming into school. Many children simply find the separation from their parents very challenging, leading to emotional goodbyes which can be very difficult for parents and children alike. If this is something you are facing with your child, come along to Miss Tappenden's **School Reluctance & Separation Anxiety parent drop-in** where she will be available between **1:00pm-3:00pm on Friday 17**th **October** to listen & advise about strategies & support for you to improve things

As the end of term is drawing near I thought I would share some key dates with you:

17th October – Last day of term 1

27th October – Staff Training Day

28th October – First day of Term 2

20th November – Individual and sibling photographs (more details to follow)

2nd – 4th December – Parents' Evenings

4th December - Child Flu Immunisations

10th December – Christmas Nativity in the Community Centre

w/c 15th December – Christmas Jumper Week

17th December – Christmas Lunch! (Only 93 days until the Big Day!!!!)

On that note, have a lovely weekend!