



Dear Parents/Carers:

This was a busy week in our school, with cross country races across at Duppas Park, us embedding our learning, and on Wednesday – the Croydon Country Championship at Lloyd Park. One of our Year 5 children, Jeremiah Harris in Swans class, came in third in the Year 5 Boys' event, and received a gleaming medal for his outstanding efforts.

**Learning:** Our children finally finished their first piece of 'big write' this week, as they brought the various phases of the writing exercise together, producing a description of a setting as viewed from a window. They used their senses in creating their narratives and have published these, with them being displayed in the classrooms.

**Homelearning:** Do check that your child has been able to access 'Bug Club' – the interactive reading portal that our school uses. Teachers will have allocated books for their children to read, and there are also activities to be completed.

Well done to children who have researched and presented tasks on Jane Goodall, the primatologist. This week, we'd like them to start finding out about Sir David Attenborough – the broadcaster and natural historian; this fits in perfectly with our science topic on 'Lifecycles'.

**Spelling words and patterns** (to be tested on 15<sup>th</sup> October): *abbreviation, condition, confession, compassion, commission, depression, action, confusion, admission, mission, expression, emission, compulsion, allusion, cohesion, attention, accusation, equation, caption, division.*

*If you usually get tested on a different set of words, yours are: understand, plant, money, improve, Christmas, even, behind, everybody, addition, yourself.*

**Year 5 Farmers' Market:** This is coming up and will be on October 19, from 3.30 – 4.30pm, in the hall. Please save the date and come out and support your child's class.

**World Mental Health Day:** will be this Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> October. The theme is 'Mental Health in an Unequal World'. Please use this as an opportunity to do a mental health 'check in' with your child. Help them to think about being confident to talk to yourself or someone in school about something that is upsetting them or causing them concern or worry. It is important that we get it right for them, and days like Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> serve as reminders of the significance of all of us having good mental health and wellbeing support as a part of our human right. On that note...*have a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs Fernandes, Mrs Simpson-Wright, Mr Roberts, Mr Gibbons and Mr Francis.*