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TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Dear Parents and Carers;
Thank-you for your patience this week. Arranging childcare is a complicated task and everyone was very accommodating when we had to have a partial closure of the school. It would appear that today is the final day of very high temperatures and that we can return to normal learning on Monday. The children behaved in a very responsible way in difficult conditions and they are learning that extreme weather will be part of our lives from now on. The communication regarding the partial closure today was delivered to families before the weather alert was upgraded from Amber to Red.

VIP Visitor
As a part of the experiences for Careers Week, we were honoured on Monday by a visit from Professor Kypros Nicolaides. Professor Nicolaides is a world leader in his field of Foetal Medicine. He spoke to the children about motivation, focus and working hard to achieve their dreams.
The evidence of his amazing work is all around us, with children in the school whose lives were transformed by his skill and dedication. A screenshot from Eleftheria reporting on the visit will be attached with this newsletter.

Safeguarding – visitors to the school
One of the key responsibilities that we have in school is ensuring that anyone who comes onto the school site has the correct level of clearance to work or visit. This is controlled by the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. All schools are currently working on reviewing this system as new legislation will come into force from 1st September. Whereas previously there were some exceptions to which adults required a DBS, the law will change and state that anyone who is on site more than three times in any thirty-day period must have a DBS check. We are pleased that this being enacted and although it creates more administrative tasks it is important to keep all our children safe.

Photographs
Many thanks to the team from Tempest Photography who were in school on Monday and Tuesday to photograph the children. You have received proofs of the Class Photo and the Whole School Photo will arrive soon. The whole school photo is an important record in the life of the school.

Assemblies
Well done to the children of Santorini Class, who presented such a wonderful assembly today. It was really interesting to hear about the long history of the building in which we learn. We are indebted to Mr Stephen Oxford from The Norwood Society for his help. This was the last class assembly of the year as the focus now shifts to events for the Year 6 children in their final four weeks with us.
https://www.norwoodsociety.co.uk/

Sports Day
Don't forget that (weather permitting) our Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 8th July.** Events will run for KS1 and Year 3 in the morning and the rest of KS2 in the afternoon. In the event of bad weather, the competitions will be postponed until the following Wednesday, 15th July. Please note the split – Year 3 children take part in the morning, not the afternoon.

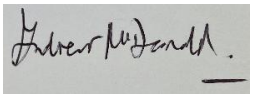
Poem of the Week
This week the poem is 'So Small' by Joan Poulson. It challenges children to imagine tiny things.
https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/so-small/

Religious Life of the school
Unfortunately, our planned visit to Church this week with our Year 1 children had to be postponed owing to the very high temperatures.
Our focus this week has been St John the Baptist, as this week we celebrated the Nativity of the Forerunner. Next week we look forward to the Feast of the Holy Apostles St Peter and St Paul.

Cultural life of the school
Next Tuesday our Greek speaking children who sat the Ellinomatheia in May are invited to the Greek Ambassador's residence. There is an exhibition that curates the life of Giorgos Seferis, a greatly admired poet who was awarded the Nobel Prize.

Stars of the week
Our winners this week are: Raphaella and Alexandros in Skiathos Class; Musa in Cyprus Class; Amelia in Crete Class; Deborah and Thaisa in Santorini Class; Josiah in Zakynthos Class; Cyril and Isla in Ithaca Class; Chrystia and Noah in Samos Class; Chloe and Esther in Kalymnos Class and Maranatha and Biruk in Tinos Class.

I wish you a cooler weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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