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Dear Parents,

We enjoy being able to celebrate the achievements of our children and sharing this with you is very important.

Every Friday we have an Achievement Assembly in school where we share certificates, awards and news about other achievements in school. We are now going to try opening these up to parents (and other family members) to come and join us on a weekly basis rather than having a larger, longer shared Achievement Assembly less frequently.

As the school is getting larger, we are splitting this into two halves of school on a fortnightly basis so for the remainder of this term these Achievement Assemblies will take place as follows:

Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 4 th November	Friday 11 th November
Friday 18 th November	Friday 25 th November
Friday 2 nd December	Friday 9 th December

Unless otherwise stated, assemblies will begin at 3pm and they will always be finished by the end of the school day.

Should this approach prove successful, we will publish dates of these assemblies for the Spring and Summer terms in the newsletter and on the school website.

We will involve Reception children further into the year and will let parents know when this is happening.

Each assembly will usually include:

- A song from the children
- Merit certificates being given out
- Distinction certificates, Silver Cups or Gold Cups being awarded
- Awards that children have won out of school being shared
- News items
- Reports on recent events in school (e.g. sports events or trips)

However, this will vary slightly from week to week and could change as the new format for these assemblies evolves over time.

On occasion, we may also include an additional element such as a performance from one of our dance clubs. If this is the case, we will let everyone know that the assembly is starting earlier and inform the parents of the children taking part.

All parents will be welcome to attend as often as they would like but we will specifically invite the parents of children who are due to receive a distinction certificate, a Silver Cup or a Gold Cup. If you are ever invited and unable to attend on a particular Friday, let us know and we can postpone the certificate until you are able to be with us. We currently have a number of Distinction certificates ready and waiting to be given out and we will share these over the assemblies up to Christmas so that nobody's special moment feels rushed.

We will not be inviting parents when children receive Merit certificates as these are given out on a more frequent basis as part of our behaviour system in school.

We are hopeful that this renewed approach to involving parents in Achievement Assemblies will prove very successful in helping the whole community to celebrate the successes of our children and we look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ledgard