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Dear Parents

Some good news to start the new half term – Mr Swiggs has become a Dad! Freddie was born on 2nd February and I know some children have already seen the family out and about. Mr Swiggs is enjoying his new family time and will return to school following leave next week.

Packet Points						
Last Week				Half Term Total		
1 st	Swiftsure	28	7	1^{st}	Swiftsure	33
2 nd	Pelham	25	5	2 nd	Walsingham	23
3 rd	Walsingham	23	4	3 rd	Pelham	16
4 th	Chichester	22	3	4 th	Chichester	15
	Freeling	22	3	5 th	Fox	12
6 th	Fox	12	1	6 th	Freeling	11

Pokemon and Trading Cards

As mentioned before half term a number of children, particularly among the infant classes would like to trade cards in school and we have therefore reviewed some rules to support them in learning fair trading skills. The first thing to remember is that, as with any possessions brought from home, collectable cards are personal property and remain the owners' responsibility. They may be kept in class trays until playtimes and should not be left in cloakroom bags. We do not have any more safe storage facilities. Children will need to assess the risk of losing cards and you may want to talk about this before they bring their collections into school. Similarly they can get damaged and again children need to be aware of this when making their decisions. Swapping of cards should only take place within close age-groups (ie. infants, lower juniors [y3-y4] and upper juniors [y5-y6]). Either partner in a deal should be allowed some cool off time and permitted to change their minds until the end of the day; once cards have been taken home the deal should be considered closed. These rules aim to address all the concerns children raised last half term: the aim is for the children to understand the risks and to take responsibility for their card games. Staff will support children in learning these important life-skills but not be able to become involved in specific disagreements.

The basic rules for children are therefore:

- you are responsible for your own cards
- cards should be stored in class trays and only taken out for trading at play-time breaks
- swaps may only be made between infants, upper and lower junior class groups
- if either dealer wishes to swap back before the end of the day they must be allowed to do so
- nobody should argue over trading and we need to respect each other's cards

In the end, it is their discussion with parents that should decide whether children bring cards into school or not and, if they do, everyone needs to observe Marlborough Manners to ensure we can all enjoy playing with them.





Doorstep Delivery

We've attached a pdf *Doorstep Shopping List* from our milk, dairy and chilled food supplier. Recently, Lillie brothers started to deliver milk to school in glass bottles and, bearing in mind the current national concern for the amount of waste plastic, something felt strongly about within the school community, they would like to let you know that they can supply fresh, glass-bottled milk to doorsteps in Falmouth.



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