

Dear Parents,

This term, we are thinking about thankfulness. This week I have been incredibly thankful for the beautiful weather we have had. The children have been able to enjoy outdoor learning and are making the most of the field and trim trail whilst the weather allows! This week has seen the children return to their usual school timetable, following our wonderful Science Week. There has been a lovely 'buzz' around school; the children have gelled wonderfully in their new classes, and are all engrossed in their learning.

Next week we have a climate curriculum day planned to help further the children's understanding about what we can all do to help look after the planet, as well as having the photographer in for individual photos.

A few reminders:

- Earrings should be removed/covered on PE days.
- Smart Watches are not allowed in school if they have internet access.
- Bookbags should be being used all, backpacks are too big and cannot be stored safely.

Thank you for your donations for Chocolate Bingo! I will be practising my 'Bingo Lingo' ready for next week!!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Keitch
Headteacher

The list of FORTHCOMING DATES is attached and is also displayed at the end of this email.

School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is, once again, **97%**. Our attendance target is **97%** so well done and thank you for your support.

School Photographer – Weds 25th September

Our School Photographer, Sue from Tempest, will be in on Wednesday morning to take individual photographs along with a year group photo of Reception. They will also take sibling photos so please come to school from 8.20am if you would like sibling photographs including under 3's not yet in school.

Feet First – 5 Day Challenge Week

We will be taking part in 'Feet First' again this year which starts on Monday 14th October for one week. During this week we would like to encourage families to 'get active' and walk, run, cycle or scoot to school if you can - even if this is just parking a little further away it all helps! Children will be given a record card and stickers daily as an incentive.

Healthy Tuck Shop

Our Healthy Tuck Shop is now up and running with healthy snacks and fruit available priced from £10p to £30p. This is open to KS1 and KS2 children although KS1 children are still in receipt of free fruit.

Class 2 Spare Essentials

Class 2 would like to add to their class spare clothing supply, so if you have any boys or girls underwear, socks or tights for children aged 5 to 7 years then please leave them in carrier bag at Reception or hand in to members of staff. Thank you!

School Lunches (Nursery & KS2) – Autumn 1 payments

Thank you to parents who have paid for lunches & a reminder of lunch costs for Autumn term 1 if you haven't....

Children in Nursery & Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Lunches are chargeable at £2.70 per day as follows:

Payment dates: 4th September & 1st October

Mondays £18.90 for the half term (7x£2.70)

Tuesdays £18.90 for the half term (7x£2.70)

Wednesdays £21.60 for the half term (8x£2.70)

Thursdays £21.60 for the half term (8x£2.70)

Friday £21.60 for the half term (8x£2.70)

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 continue to receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM).

PTA Events:

Thank you very much for your donations for Chocolate Bingo, we have a lovely selection of goodies!

Chocolate Bingo will take place next **Saturday, 28th September in the Village Hall at 3pm**. If you're able to volunteer, please come down to the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

We do look forward to welcoming both existing and new parents to our first event of the year – a great way to get to know our school community.

Other exciting events coming up this half term: **pumpkin carving** competition, and our **'Spooky' Disco** on Friday 25th October – more details to come.

A huge thank you as always to everyone involved.

Preloved Uniform

We have many school branded items in our preloved uniform shop all priced at £2 per item. If you would like to purchase anything, please contact Mrs Wood.

If you have any items of **school branded** uniform which are in good order, please send these into school. We cannot accept anything non branded such as trousers, skirts, polo shirts etc. Thank you

Health Care

Please see the attached flyer & letter regarding Pharmacy First.

Teaching & Learning Celebrations:

Class 1 We have had a very busy week in Class 1 and are very impressed with how our children are settling into our new routines. Our phonics sessions have begun, with Nursery focusing on nursery rhymes while Reception are learning new phonemes and graphemes each day - they are doing amazingly! In SCARF we are talking 'All About Us' - what we like, what makes us happy, and why it's good to be different. In maths we have been busy sorting as well as helping our visitor Mr Parrot to count out his toys carefully. In literacy Reception have begun their work based on 'The Something', with lots of brilliant ideas, while Nursery have been focussing on 'The Tiger who came for Tea'. We had a fantastic time at our first Forest School of the year - what a sunny afternoon! We are looking forward to many more adventures over the next few weeks, although probably less sunny ones.

Class 2 have embraced a full week of routine this week, following their normal timetable. We have begun this half-term's English text 'The River' and are enjoying the different settings the rowing boats passes as it sails along the river. In maths we have been working on numbers to 20 in words and numerals as well as 1 more. In P.E. We had lots of fun playing dodging games and working on our teamwork sessions to complete the group movement challenges. We practised cross-hatching on a range of papers, with a range of drawing tools such as charcoal, pencils and pens. In History, we compared London in 1666 to now and located London in our atlases. The children have enjoyed the sunny playtimes and daily mile too this week. How are we listening? Was our P.S.H.E learning focus and we modelled some positive listening behaviours as well as some rude, negative behaviours. In Science in pairs we enjoyed playing a yes/no answer animal guessing game involving asking questions about the animal group it belonged to such as mammals, reptiles, birds, fish or amphibians. A super start to our typical class two week!

Class 3 have gotten into the swing of things this week. After a busy Science Week, we are establishing our routines. We have been exploring numbers up to 1000 through representations and partitioning. We drew representations on the yard in chalk. We have started looking at our English text 'Into the Forest' and have taken part in drama - a conscience alley and freeze frames. We will write a personification poem once we have collected ideas. In Science, we have started learning about rocks and the types of rocks there are. We enjoyed our recorder lessons with Mr Wood. We have had an excellent week and need to maintain our focus and enthusiasm for learning.

Class 4 have settled into their new routines and responsibilities brilliantly. This week, both year groups have been busy learning Place Value in maths and making predictions about our new text in English. They have really enjoyed improving their skills in gymnastics; working collaboratively with partners. In Science, we have been

investigating 'friction' we had lots of fun using chopsticks to move jelly cubes covered in oil. We have been learning about the causes of WW1 in History and the countries who were allies and enemies.

At the woods, we had some fantastic cooks helping with lunch, I hope they are this helpful at home! The children enjoyed exploring and playing team games. We also had great weather for our walk.

Have a lovely weekend Class 4!

FORTHCOMING DATES AUTUMN TERM 1