

Dear Parents,

Where has September gone?! We have had such a busy start to term 1 but the children are now settled into a more usual school routine. Pupil voice has been at the heart of the start of term, particularly about how we can continue to make children's school journey even better and I've already had some lovely ideas. I've been speaking to the children a lot about integrity, reinforcing that they should make the right choices all of the time, not just when adults are watching, and this is becoming more apparent in behaviour in and around school.

Autumn has arrived, and the children are noticing the change of season. With this comes colder weather, so please make sure children have a coat in school.

Next Thursday we have Maths Day, a day where children will be focusing on problem solving. Children will engage in fun workshops to help them develop problem solving skills, understanding of maths concepts and help foster a can-do attitude amongst the children.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at Chocolate Bingo tomorrow and hope to see faces new and old at the PTA AGM next Friday afternoon.

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, **96%**. Our attendance target is **97%** so we're just a little behind where we would like to be. Thank you for your continued support.

### School Photographs

If you'd like to place any orders, please kindly do so by **9<sup>th</sup> October** to get free delivery to school.

### Christmas Plays

Our Christmas Plays will be performed on the following dates:

<b>Class 1 &amp; Class 2</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2.00pm</b>
<b>Class 1 &amp; Class 2</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2.00pm &amp; 3.30pm</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2.00pm &amp; 3.30pm</b>

## Science Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully achieved the **Primary Science Quality Mark** – please see the attached press-release for information.

A huge thank you to Mrs Pattinson for leading us through the process and to all of our staff for their involvement – this is a great achievement!

## School Milk

Children who are under 5 years of age receive free school milk. If your child is 5 and would like milk at breaktime, please see the attached information to sign up.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals will receive milk free of charge – if you haven't already signed your child up, please contact Mrs Wood.

## PTA Events:

We are looking forward to our next fundraising event, **Chocolate Bingo** tomorrow, **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall at 3pm**. If you're able to volunteer, please come down to the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Everyone from our school community is welcome!

Other exciting events coming up this half term:

**Pumpkin carving** competition

**'Spooky' Disco** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (see attached flyer)

## 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: 4<sup>th</sup> September & 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

## 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

## Teaching & Learning Celebrations: *from the children*

**Class 1** have had another busy week, here are some of our favourite bits.

I loved making our climate change superhero. I liked when Jake's mummy came in. I liked playing with my friends at the forest. I liked playing on the obstacle course. I liked Mrs Potts' dinners and cakes. I liked singing and dancing in music. My favourite bit was making our robot Tom with my friends. I liked reading stories.

**Class 2** I like maths when we use the number fans I enjoyed dodging in P.E., Science was my favourite when we sorted the animals, lunchtime and breaktime when I play with my friends, reading my reading book, English when we highlighted the parts of the story. I like our worry monster, I liked it when my Mummy taught us about recycling, the team games in P.E. were fun, I enjoy Spelling Shed, I liked Computing when we went on the i-pads to spot the computers, I love learning with my friends, I like Phonics best and writing the sentence, I like Mastering Number, I love the daily mile because we get fitter and faster. I am good at using a number line now in maths. I love everything at school!

**Class 3** enjoyed their first visit of the year to the woods. We tried soft archery, slackline and took inspiration from our class book to imagine being lost in the forest. We have enjoyed Climate Day and learning how we can improve our carbon footprint and learning about the greenhouse effect. We practiced javelin skills in PE and all showed improved throwing skills. We have been Geologists by identifying and describing rocks in Science.

**Class 4** I have enjoyed finding out more about the main character in our English text 'Rose Blanche' She is brave, caring, curious and very furious!

We have enjoyed Climate Change Day, thinking about the small changes we can achieve to make a big impact. School councillors are going to talk about changes we can make around school.

In History, we enjoyed finding out about what life was like in the trenches for the soldiers. Did you know they suffered from trench foot and shell shock?

In Science, we have enjoyed carrying out experiments to investigate air resistance.

**FORTHCOMING DATES    AUTUMN TERM 1**