

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many Reception parents and carers join the Reception children for their phonics session on Thursday of this week. We welcomed almost 50 visitors to see phonics in action and have received some lovely feedback on how well the children have settled into their new classes and learning environments.

We are organising our annual harvest festival for children in Years 1 and 5 at All Saints Church and will once again be collecting donations for a local food bank. Further details to follow.

In the creative arts, we have a new Y5-6 Strictly Dance group now selected who will soon begin their rehearsals ready for this year's event at the Derngate Theatre in Northampton. This year we are also involved in a local production of "Scrooge" at Earls Barton Methodist Church and Mrs Levell will be auditioning Key Stage Two children for this next week.

Next Friday sees the excitement of our School Council elections when we hold our democratic votes and get the annual ballot box out again! Well done to all of the children who have put themselves forward as School Councillors – we look forward to announcing the results next week. We have also been delighted to have lots of children put themselves forward for various pupil roles in school: Sports Crew; STEM ambassadors; Library monitors; Buddy Readers; Young Digital Leaders and Pupil Receptionists. These roles involve an application form and job interview so are great experience for future life!

Many classes are now on their first "Hot Write" of this academic year and I am delighted to see the children using their imaginations to innovate their own version of the text maps and produce some fantastic writing! You will see snippets of children's work and photos of them in action on their class SeeSaw page as of next week now that we have nearly all consents back so please do check there regularly.

One final note, a reminder that all adults on school site should be speaking politely and role-modelling acceptable behaviour and language for our children. Please do not use mobile phones whilst on the school site and please refrain from swearing.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

A reminder that on our website school events can be found on the [school diary](#) page and external events and opportunities are on the [community page](#).

Letters home this week

Strictly audition results – Only pupils who auditioned

Planetarium experience – Y5 only

Sports crew conference – selected pupils only

Seesaw permission reminder

Phonics parents' session reminder – EYFS only