

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly busy week in school! Our Year Four children, inspired by their class read “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”, wrote to a local chocolatier with their designs and inventions for their own creative chocolate lollies and were delighted this week to receive a reply and a beautiful hand-made chocolate bar each! Many thanks to Sara Pateman for her support and delicious products! Her website is [www.chocciesbysara.co.uk](http://www.chocciesbysara.co.uk) if you wanted to try some for yourself!

Meanwhile, lots of children had some “firsts” this week. They had their first visit to the school library and their first chance to follow a school map and look for the stars around the entire school building. It was lovely to see our Reception explorers saying hello to everyone and walking so beautifully around the school! Our new Y6 Sports Crew attended their first training event this week with Mrs Chapman and they will be fully operational next week leading playground games and sports on both playgrounds. Today in assembly we announced our new STEM ambassadors who will be running the outdoor science classroom in KS2 every lunchtime. Finally, today all classes in Y1 – Y6 exercised their democratic right for the first time this year to vote for their school council representative – winners will be announced next week.

### **Open events next week**

Next week we have our first tours for entry to Reception in September 2024. Both events are fully booked which is great! Our Year Six tour guides will once again be showing visitors around the school. If you know anyone who would like to join our school, please encourage them to contact the office. We will be adding an additional open event soon.

### **Harvest festivals Y1 and Y3 (apologies for error!)**

Years 1 and 3 (not Year 5 as I mistakenly typed last week!) are leading the Harvest Festivals at All Saints Church in Earls Barton on the morning of Tuesday 17th October. We will also be collecting donations for a local charity; monetary or tinned goods / long-life food would be welcomed. Further details to follow.

### **KS2 playground update**

Behaviour and safety on the Key Stage Two playground has improved this week due to various changes put into place. We are continuing with the current arrangement for one more week and then will be discussing with children, School Councillors and staff about the next step.

### **Autumn Parents’ evenings**

We are holding our face-to-face parents’ evening in school on Tuesday 17th October from 4 – 7:30pm. The booking system will go “live” on Monday and we are once again using School Cloud to organise appointments. There will also be an online session for each class in the same week, these will be on different days depending on teachers’ availability. Full details will be sent home in a letter on Monday.

### **Reminder Y6 to apply for secondary school places**

Lots of our Year Six children have been busy visiting secondary schools for open evenings and daytime tours. A reminder that the deadline to apply for a Year Seven place is Tuesday 31st October and it is strongly recommended that you apply online. If any parents need support with this, please contact us and we will do our best to assist.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

### **Letters home this week**

Primrose class message

Y2Art gallery invitation – Y2 only

Recyclable donations request – Y6 only

Tag Rugby tournament – Selected Y3-4 pupils only

Halloween and bonfire safety leaflet – KS2 families only

School library books – EY only

Blue Peter badge for reading

Early Years phonics leaflet – EY only

Key Stage 2 lunchtimes temporary changes – KS2 families only

### **Attachments**

What parents and carers need to know about 'Among Us'