



Dear Parents and carers,

The School Councillors would like to tell you what they have been learning this term!

Reception: I liked learning about Africa, I downloaded some information on my tablet at home. Lottie and Seby.

Year 1: I like learning about castles. I like learning about history because it is fun. We learned about Corfe Castle. Joel and Josephine

Year 2: In Year 2 we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We learned it started in a baker's shop in Pudding Lane. We have been learning about dark and light shades in art. Rosalie and Chloe.

Year 3: In Year 3 I am enjoying art because we got to draw pictures of Stonehenge. In History we have learned about the Stone Age – later we are going to learn a Stone Age song! I've enjoyed English lessons – we were learning about Komodo dragons. Elizabeth and Rafa.

Year 4: In maths we have been learning the bus stop method! It's really fun because we haven't learned it before! We have learned about taking the digits over from one column to another. In Computing we have been making our own Podcasts – which is hard but lots of fun. In art we have been learning about the paintings of Henri Rousseau. Isabella and Franklin.

Year 5: This term, we have really enjoyed reading our book called 'When the Mountain meets the Moon.' In art we have been drawing Chinese dragons and learning about Chinese art. In computing, we made Powerpoints about the Planets and Space. Gabby and Ariana.

Year 6: In Year 6 I am really enjoying maths because we have been working on converting fractions, decimals and percentages. In PE we have been focusing on Rugby – it is a lot of fun! In English I have really enjoyed writing a story based on the picture book 'The Journey'. It's about refugees leaving their home country and seeking safety. I really enjoyed music because we are composing our own songs! Eva and Joao Luca.

Mass

Unfortunately, Father Anthony is unable to say Mass for 4PM next Thursday – hopefully we will be able to reschedule at a later date.

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Parents' Evening this term which will take place here in the school on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February. These will be in person appointments. You will have a chance to look at your child's books, but **your children should not attend this evening** – this is for adults only. If you have no option but to bring your child with you, they must sit with you, and must wait quietly outside the classroom while you go in for your appointment – they must not wander around or play in the corridors or playground. Just a reminder that these appointments are no more than ten minutes – this is a long evening for the staff, and if you run over it has a knock on effect for the other parents and the staff. If you have not already done so, please book your appointment as soon as possible via WisePay, and please make a note of the day and time. The booking system on WisePay will close on Monday 2nd at 12.00 – if you haven't booked by then you will have to contact the office, and we cannot guarantee that there will still be slots available. If you miss your appointment, we will not be able to reschedule it.

Chocolate mufti and Bingo!

Our next PSA fundraising event will be a Chocolate Bingo night on Thursday, 12th February. We will have two sessions – one from 4.00pm to 4.45pm and one from 5.00pm to 5.45pm. Please choose between

the two sessions - the first one will be more suitable for the younger children, as it will be a bit slower, but you can come to whichever suits you better. There is no charge to attend this event, but you will need to buy Bingo books to join in (£1.00 per book). However, you must have a ticket to attend, as space in the hall is limited. You can order tickets (free of charge) via WisePay from Monday 2nd February. You will need a ticket for every person attending, so we can be sure we have enough seats! **Children MUST be accompanied by an adult and cannot attend alone.** The prizes will be chocolate hampers..... which bring us on to our mufti day next week. Next Thursday, 5th February, we will have a mufti day to collect chocolate for the prizes. Each child who wants to wear mufti should bring in some chocolate in one form or another – it can be a bar, a box or even a sachet of hot chocolate. It must be in its wrapper, unopened and of course not containing nuts. We will collate all the donations and turn them into hampers for the following week! Hopefully, the evening will be fun and raise some money for our PSA funds!

Royal Academy of Arts – Young Artists Summer show.

Many thanks to a couple of you who have brought this competition to my attention. The Young Artists' Summer show is a free, open submission competition for young artists aged 4 – 18 studying in the UK. The project is supported by Robin Hambro, a passionate advocate for the importance of access to art, and the benefits of encouraging the arts for children and young people. I have now registered the school for the competition. My understanding is that parents/ carers can now submit artwork on behalf of their children – the link to more information is here: [Young Artists](#). The deadline to submit entries is 4th March at 5.00pm.

Nits

The critters are back in Year 1 – please check your child's hair this weekend and treat accordingly. Many thanks.

Super Role Model:

RJ:Hudson; RP:Hannah; 1JC:Gemma; 1WH:Liliana; 2NW:Matteo; 2MS:Natalia; 3NL:Elsie; 3BN:Emmanuel; 4CM:Sienna; 4PM:Darcey; 5JC:Logan; 5RH:Matthew; 6KB:Freddie H; 6HT:Oscar.

Learning Champion:

RJ:Blubelle; RP:Chloe; 1JC:Arlo; 1WH:Noah; 2NW:Hudson; 2MS:Jacob; 3NL:Cameron; 3BN:Liyana; 4CM:Freddie; 4PM:Antonia; 5JC:Elma; 5RH:Hugo; 6KB:Evanna; 6HT:Oty.

Dates for your diary:

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| Wed 4 th Feb | 3.30 – 7.00pm | Parents' evening |
| Thurs 5th Feb | 1.30pm | 4PM Class Mass – CANCELLED |
| Thurs 5 th Feb | All day | Chocolate mufti day. |
| Thurs 5 th Feb | 3.30 – 7.00pm | Parents' evening |
| Thurs 12 th Feb | 4.00-4.45 5.00-5.45 | Chocolate Bingo session 1 Chocolate Bingo session 2 |
| Fri 13 th Feb | 2.50pm | Children finish for half term |
| Mon 23 rd Feb | All day | Staff training day – school closed for children |
| Tues 24 th Feb | 8.40am | Term starts again for children |

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

Veronica Woodward
Headteacher