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Our school values: *Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*

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Dear Parents,

I really want to start our school newsletter by saying a HUGE thank you for your support and amazing World Book Day costumes and enthusiasm for this special event. The children were really eager to share details of their character and favourite stories. We entered our assembly listening to Queen's 'It's a Kind of Magic', as we believe books and great stories can take us to so many magical places and help us to meet so many different characters.

West End Theatre Dance

Today we welcomed a dancer from West End Theatre to bring 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' to life. Our pupils had a fantastic time and were dancing, moving and expressing themselves to music and prose to re-enact this fabulous story. It built on beautifully from the exciting introduction on Thursday when 'Mr Wonka', normally known as Mrs Smith, opened up 'the factory' (school gates) and there were five lucky golden ticket winners from all the mini chocolate bars shared on the day. The lucky winners had a task to complete in assembly and were proud winners of a large bar of chocolate! Many more great Roald Dahl stories are available in our school library for our pupils to borrow.

Bingo Success

Another huge thank you for your chocolate contributions on non-uniform day and for all who attended the bingo. It was a great school community event and there was a real, happy buzz in school that night. A grand total of £526 was raised, which will go towards funding a summer outing for our pupils. Lots to look forward to...

School Council

I met with our school councillors on Friday and they have raised their desire to fundraise in school to help give aid to all those people in Ukraine who have been displaced from their homes. Our school councillors are surveying their classes to see what our pupils would prefer to do. Their ideas include run a tuck shop each morning play time for a week or come to school wearing blue and yellow and give a donation – to name just a couple. I will keep you informed of our pupils' voice and their plans.

Science Week

Within school we are busy preparing to excite and engage our pupils in scientific experiments and investigations throughout Science week beginning on Monday 14th March. Thank you to all those parents who have completed the STEM survey and Miss Mawson will be in touch.

Reading Information Evening

I would like to re-schedule our parents' reading information event to Monday 21st March at 3.30pm. All parents of Reception, Year One and Year Two pupils are welcome to attend. We want to share more details about our approach to teaching your child to read and how we aim to excite and engage them to want to learn to read. We will also share some ideas of how you can support at home.

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Parents' Meetings

We are looking forward to meeting with you face to face parents' meetings at the end of this term. On Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March class teachers will be available to meet and discuss your child's progress. More details of timings and how to book an appointment will follow in due course.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March and our pupils and staff have decided that as a school we want to support this charity. In buying and wearing a nose, we can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. Unfortunately, Red Nose merchandise will not be for sale in school, but many retailers are selling it and children are welcome to wear it on the day. In working together to raise money we have the power to change lives. Our school council are going to survey all classes to see if they would like to have a cake sale at break time on the day – more details of our pupils' findings and their 'voice' will follow soon.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards



Mrs L Smith
Acting Headteacher