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Dear parents,

Learning

Learning in Action: A Week of Classroom Excellence

Last week, I had the pleasure of spending a significant amount of time in classrooms across the school, from Reception right through to Year 6. It was wonderful to see the consistently high standards our teachers set—not only in behaviour, but in the depth and quality of learning taking place. The teaching across the school is of an exceptionally high standard, and it is clear how fantastic our teaching and support staff are at pushing every child forward in their learning. It was inspiring to watch children fully engaged, making strong progress in lessons, and confidently contributing to class and group discussions. My sincere thanks go to all our teachers for their dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment to our school community, not only for last week but also this week with the recent inspection.

Get Ready for Curiosity Week!

Linked to this term's value, we are delighted that next week is Curiosity Week in school. Throughout the week, children will dive deeper into Maths and Science, while English lessons will also take on a special curiosity-themed twist. We are especially excited to welcome Dyson, who will be running hands-on workshops that allow the children to explore engineering, problem-solving and creative thinking in a practical setting. We also have The Wonderdome visiting—a mobile planetarium that brings space, stars and science alive in an immersive 360-degree experience, which the children absolutely love. Alongside this, classes will be taking part in investigation afternoons and learning about sustainability through Net Zero presentations. It promises to be a week filled with excitement, exploration and plenty of “wow” moments.

Caring

Safer Internet Day 2026

Next week, we will also be recognising Safer Internet Day on Thursday, with a particular focus on how children can stay safe when chatting online. This is an important annual event that helps children understand how to make sensible choices, recognise risks and protect their personal information. We encourage parents to remain vigilant at home too, as online safety is strongest when school and home work together. Simple steps such as checking privacy settings, ensuring children only communicate with people they know in real life, keeping devices in shared family spaces, and regularly discussing what apps or games they are using can make a huge difference. Thank you for supporting us in keeping every child safe and cared for online.

Achieving

Chestnut Class Shine Bright

A huge well done to Chestnut Class for their fantastic assembly today, all about Rivers. Written entirely from scratch by Miss Harrison, it featured brilliant acting, catchy songs, plenty of humour and a huge amount of factual knowledge. The children looked wonderful in their costumes and delivered their lines with great confidence. Thank you to all the staff involved in putting the assembly together, and to the parents for supporting the children in learning their lines so well.

Spotlight on Success: LAMDA Superstars

We are incredibly proud of Edie, Mattie, Mia and Molly, who have all completed their LAMDA exams with Distinction—a truly outstanding achievement. LAMDA (the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) helps children build confidence, performance skills and clear communication, all of which are invaluable both in and out of school. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Thomas for her exceptional work in preparing the children for their exams and for leading our LAMDA sessions, Drama Club and Creative Arts Club. The arts have a hugely positive impact on children's lives, helping them express themselves, grow in confidence and discover new talents, and we are grateful for all that Mrs Thomas brings to our school.

Together

Flip, Run, Win! The Great House Pancake Races

We're very excited to be holding our first ever house pancake races on the final day of term next week—an idea suggested by our enthusiastic School Council. Children will be taking part in a pancake-flipping relay running race, and we're expecting plenty of fun, laughter and maybe even a few pancake mishaps along the way! On this day, children should come to school in non-uniform clothes in their house colour. We can't wait to see everyone getting involved in the fun.

Sharing the Love: Valentine's Pop-Up Shop

A reminder that the FSS Valentine's Pop-Up Shop will be open at the end of the day on the final day of term. We would like to extend our thanks to the FSS for their continued hard work and commitment to enriching school life for our children. Their events make such a positive difference—this term's disco was a particular highlight! We are very grateful for everything they do.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers