



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've successfully completed a jam-packed 7-week term, and now, we all look forward to two weeks to recuperate. This season is the highlight of my year: the dazzle of Strictly, the warmth of Children in Need, the significance of Remembrance, the excitement of Bonfire Night, and before we know it, the joy of C... I'm getting carried away!

VAT Registration and What It Means for You

As it stands, the government appears determined to go ahead with its VAT plan. It is expected to be formally announced in the October budget, and unless there is a dramatic change, we will need to become VAT registered by November. This means that, moving forward, VAT will be applied to our invoices. We know this will raise many questions, and believe me, we are asking them too. There are still many details we do not yet have answers to, and we're awaiting further clarification on a range of issues. We have a Finance Meeting scheduled for November to discuss the final version of the budget and any technical notes that are published. Once we have the full picture, we will communicate what this will look like for you and your family.

Reception to Year 6 Halloween Disco - TONIGHT, 5.30pm

We're really looking forward to tonight's Halloween Disco in Sunnylands Hall. What a fun way to finish the term. I've seen Pharrell's playlist and it's 'Bangin' no g! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who volunteered to help to make it happen. The Headlands gate will open at 5.20pm. The Cedar Hub will be open for parents with tea and coffee. Any children left in Late Club at 5.30pm will automatically be taken to the disco. We will be using the Headlands gate to enter and the Hub/Crescent Gate to exit. No need to book, we'll register you when you get here.

Conker Championship 2024

This morning was the eagerly anticipated 2024 Conker Championships for children from Reception to Year 6. The final winners from each House were Evelyn (Brigstock), Persie (Barnwell), Mary (Stanwick), Aleena (Sywell) - ALL GIRLS! The final was between Sywell and Barnwell with Barnwell (Persie) claiming the Cooper Cup. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the children to learn a traditional game and support each other. The final was a real spectacle!

Trim Trail After School

We enjoy watching children playing in the grounds after pickup, but please be very careful on the trim trail if it may be wet and therefore slippery. Children should be supervised at all times, they are in your care. Please do not allow the children on the trim trail when it is wet - it is dangerous. Thank you.

Busy Final Week

As well as the school disco and the conkers, we've also had trips and visitors this week. Year 4 went to the premier of 'The Wild Robot' at the cinema this afternoon as this is their set text this term; Eco Committee went to the garden centre to buy seeds for planting; Reception Class went to East Carlton Country Park for their Autumn topic; and we had a very special visitor in Early Years performing 'Room on a Broom'. Year 5 played contact rugby on Wednesday at Brooke Priory and Year 2 had a live link up to the National Archives and PCSO Mike was in assembly on Monday. The School Council have had their second meeting, they're busy already, and this week we announced our Wellbeing Ambassadors who are already doing a magnificent job at break times. This is why I love this school and this time of year! A reminder that Year 6 will be selling poppies on the gate when we get back.

This Term in Photos

Over half term we'll publish all of our photos from this busy term on our website so keep an eye on the galleries.

Have a restful two weeks. Wishing you all a healthy and safe time with your family. Don't forget the community choir starts on the 8th November at 8.10am. Over half term it is also a special time for those celebrating the Festival of Light - wishing you a Diwali that brings happiness, prosperity and joy to you and all your family.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher