



15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our children and we have enjoyed a settled start to the new term. Our new children have transitioned into the school routine remarkably well and it is delightful to see them forming new friendships and gaining confidence in the classroom each day. Our returning children have also shown great maturity in welcoming our new children and helping them adjust. It has been heartwarming to see them looking out for one another and building a supportive classroom community. Their kindness and co-operation is second to none. Our children have jumped right into learning and we've had some fabulous book launches and rockstars in school. If you have not already done so, a reminder to complete your photo and video permissions for your child as soon as possible via your Arbor Parent Portal, as we would love to share what's happening around school with you all.

I am thrilled to share some exciting news about Alex, one of our Year 4 pupils. On the very last day of the summer term we were notified that Alex had won the poster design contest for the St Leger being held this weekend. Her creative poster will be featured in the official race day programme as well as displayed prominently around the racecourse. As part of her prize, Alex has won family passes to the races for all of Year 4 to enjoy. She has also earned £500 for our school, which we will use to build new creative stations on the playgrounds for all our children to enjoy at lunch/break times. Having her design showcased at a high-profile event and potentially seen by special guests is a phenomenal achievement. Please join me in congratulating Alex on this exciting win! I know it will mean a lot for her to hear praise from our entire school community.

I'm also delighted to share that our school's trust choir has earned a place at the Music for Youth Proms at the prestigious Royal Albert Hall on November 14th. This is a tremendous achievement, as the event features top school choirs from across the country. Having the chance to perform on the legendary Royal Albert Hall stage is an incredible opportunity and honour. This accomplishment recognises the choir's musical excellence and hard work. A memory they will cherish forever. Please join me in applauding them on this remarkable milestone! Their dedication and teamwork have truly paid off with this chance to perform at one of the world's most iconic concert venues.

#### **Macmillan Fundraiser:**

As we are still undergoing building work in school, this year's Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser will be a little different. During w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September we will be giving our children the opportunity to enjoy a bun during break time, provided by school, with donations being made by parents via your ParentPay account, which will appear shortly.



### Parents' Diary Dates:

Details of diary dates up to November are shown below. Christmas events will be published after October half term.

Finally, I want to thank our entire school community for your patience and flexibility as we complete construction on the new heating system. Although the construction process has been an inconvenience, it has been inspiring to see our school pull together and adapt to the situation. Our community's resilience, optimism and co-operation have allowed learning and enjoyment to carry on despite the difficult circumstances. I am proud of how we have worked as a team to maintain a positive environment. Once the dust settles, we will have an improved school we can all be proud of. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker  
Principal

### PARENTS' DIARY DATES SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2023

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Visit into school – Empire Windrush – the Windrush Generation
w/c Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Fundraising
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Visit to Austerfield
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Deadline for Nursery applications (2024/2025) to Doncaster Council
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination Session Reception-Y6 pupils
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Visit to Leeds Royal Armouries
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Visit to York Birds of Prey Centre
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Visit to Sprotbrough Library
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination Catch Up Sessions
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	Training Day 2 – school closed to pupils
w/c Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October-27 <sup>th</sup> October	October Half Term
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Re-opens to pupils
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening 1 – Face to Face Details about how to book an appointment will be sent out before October half term
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline for Secondary School applications (2024/2025) to Doncaster Council
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents' Evening 2 – Phone Calls Details about how to book an appointment will be sent out before October half term
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs – individual and siblings
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly for Pupils

