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Dear Parents,

Parent Consultations

On Monday 16th October parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled in at the beginning of their year, celebrate their progress and share their next steps on their learning journey. We would prefer that children themselves are not present at these meetings. This year we are trialling an online booking system for appointments via ParentMail. Look out for the e-mail notification.

At this event, there will be an opportunity for parents of Year 4 children who have not yet decided which school they would like to go to in Year 5, to discuss their child's needs and issues with the Headteacher, should they wish to do so. No appointment is necessary for this.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who could spare an hour or two, to hear some of our children read on an individual basis. If you think you or a relative could support us with this worthwhile activity please see Mrs Fletcher, who will be more than happy to discuss arrangements. Please be aware all volunteers have to have a Disclosure and Barring Check for safeguarding purposes.

Jewellery

A gentle reminder that jewellery should not be worn by children for P.E. lessons, including watches and earrings. Children will be asked to remove these items before a lesson for health and safety reasons. Where a child cannot remove their earrings (had their ears pierced within one month), we advise that they are taped front and back securely before a child arrives in school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

<u>Digital 5 A Day</u>

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched Digital 5 A Day to keep children's online lives healthy. It provides a simple framework for families to guide their use of technology to promote children's wellbeing and help children use technology responsibly, respectfully and creatively.

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The 5 A Day advice is:

- 1. Connect: message, have fun and play with friends and family both online and offline.
- 2. Be active: Take some time off and get active movement helps boost emotional wellbeing.
- 3. Get creative: Don't just browse the internet but use digital tools to create content, to build new skills and discover new passions.
- 4. Give to others: Be positive online, report bad content and help others.
- 5. Be mindful: If time online is causing stress or tiredness then take some time off and ask for help when you need it.

H.S.A.Halloween Bingo

The H.S.A. Halloween Bingo event will take place on Friday October 13th. Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6pm. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available on the evening. Children and parents can come dressed up in their favourite Halloween costumes. There will be prizes for the winners. Please may we request chocolate treat donations before the event. These can be placed in the donation box in the school entrance. Thank you.

Dates For Diaries

Friday 6th October - Individual photographs taken.

Monday 16th October - 1-6pm Parent Consultations.

Friday 13th October - H.S.A Halloween Bingo 5:30pm doors open.

Friday 20^{th} October - Year 4 & 5 all day workshop on Show Racism the Red Card.

Friday 20^{th} October - Children break up for October half term and return to school on MONDAY 30^{th} OCTOBER

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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