15th September

Dear Parents,

We have been delighted with the first two weeks of term. The teaching staff have set their usual high expectations for the children’s learning & behaviour and found a bit of time to sprinkle it with a sense of fun! We have been impressed by the children’s positive attitudes to the start of the year and long may it continue…

Included with this letter are the 2023-24 Key Dates. Please take time to make a note in your diaires of when things are happening, especially the term dates, parent meetings, special events, and trips that will require a financial contribution. We are trying to give you as much notice as possible so you can plan accordingly.

Here are a few announcements and reminders for the term ahead:

**Whole School**/Pupil Information Document & Home School Agreement: Friday 15th September

These needed to be in today. So far we have had a 60% return. That means we don’t know if 40% of the children have new medical needs, different parental contact numbers or addresses or a change in permissions. Please return these on Monday so we can keep you informed and your children safe.

**Whole School**/World Car Free Day: Friday 22nd September

A reminder

**Year 3 & 4**/EPA Tennis Fesitval & Tournament: Tuesday 26th September

All children in Year 3 & 4 will attend this event between 9.30-11.30 at Bratholomew School. We ask that parents take them there in the morning (not coming into Standalke school first) and we will use a bus to bring the majority back. Four boys and Four girls will be asked to stay on for the tournament in the afternoon (between 12.00-2.00) and we will be asking parents if they are able to collect these children. More details will be sent out next week.

**Whole School**/Harvest Service: Monday 2nd October

The service will take place at St Giles church at 9am so parents can stay on after drop-off. All of the classes will be performing a song and some children will be doing readings. The Conker Competition will be after school, between 3.15pm and 3.45pm.

**Year 3 to 6**/EPA Cross Country Event: Monday 2nd October 3.45pm (yes, same day as Harvest!)

We will be encouraging as many children from Year 3 to Year 6 to attend this sports event. We will try to organise a bus to take the children there but ask that parents collect from Bartholomew at 4.45pm.

**Whole School**/Conker Competition: Tuesday 3rd October, 3.15-3.45pm

The Conker Competition will take place on the playground by the field, just as long as the conkers have started falling by then! If they haven’t, a new date will be arranged.

**Year 5 & 6**/EPA Girls Football Tournament: Tuesday 10th October, 3.30-5.30

We will be taking a team of 6 girls to this tournament and asking parents to transport their child to and from the event.

**Year 6**/Junior Citizenship Day: Monday 16th October

A letter has gone out about this. If you have not received it, please contact the office.   
  
**Whole School/**Standlake Superstars: Ongoing

You can still sign your children up for clubs, even though they have started. The activities (and food!) are proving very popular and we don’t want your children missing out!