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Opening doors to our future.

"Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The sun is finally shining and hopefully you are all enjoying it too. As always, we would ask that you ensure your child comes to school with a suitable sun hat, filled water bottle and sun cream applied. Please be reminded that we cannot apply sun cream to your child in school and would advise that you apply a long lasting one before they come in. Sun cream should not be bought into school either as children will often be tempted to share and this could result in an accidental allergic reaction.

Opening doors to our future through excellent attitudes towards learning...

This week's headteacher's awards went to the following children for fantastic attitudes to learning and exemplary behaviour. As part of their award they were also able to enjoy hot chocolate and a biscuit with Mrs Cox! Well done to all of them!

Reception: **Nicole**

Year One: **Frankie**

Year Two: **Ivory**

Year Three: **Reggie**

Year Four: **William**

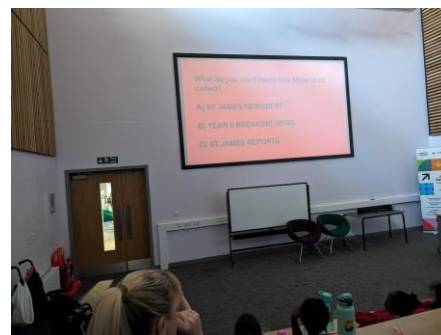
Year Five: **Roxanne**

Year Six: **Maisie, Mia and Isla**

Opening doors to our future through enrichment activities...

Year 5 Trip to Harlow College – Tuesday 7th June

This week Year 5 had the pleasure of going to Harlow College. They visited Naomi Kemp who taught them all about being a journalist and a producer of TV shows. They were then able to record their own news reports and learned all about the filming process. Naomi also surprised the class by giving them the chance to record their very own music video - which was lots of fun! They cannot wait to see the final piece when it is edited.



Opening doors through our Christian values: Respect, Responsibility, Community, Friendship, Forgiveness, Courage.

Reminder: Sports Day 2024! – Tuesday 21st May

We are excited for our annual sports day on the 21st May this year! We have arranged a slightly different event this year which we hope you will enjoy watching. The children will participate in a carousel of sporting events with their houses, two of which will be traditional races. They will collect points for their teams on each station which will be added together to reveal the overall winning house at the end of the day.

Parents/Carers are invited to come along to watch. Entry to the field will be 10 minutes before the event starts via the KS1 playground gates.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate from 9.15am until approx. 11am.

Years 3 – 6 will participate from 1.30pm – 3pm

Opening doors to our future with values that support our school vision...

Our Christian Values – Parent/Carer Survey

Opening doors to our future

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As you will be aware, we currently have six Christian values that have been in place for several years. As part of embedding our new school vision (see above) we want to adjust these values to ensure that they fully enable our pupils to live out this vision.



There are nine Christian values that we have considered as a staff and with groups of pupils from across the school, and now we would like your input too. Therefore, please could we ask that you click onto the survey link below or scan the QR code above and select six values that you feel would best enable your child to live out our school vision.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5xpgEYrTpP>

Upcoming dates:

Big School Meet Up

On Friday 26th July Great Parndon Library will be hosting a 'Big School Meet Up' between 11am and 12pm for families with children starting school in September.



Great Parndon Library
26th July 11am – 12pm

- For families with children starting school in September
- Come join us at this fun relaxed session
- Meet up, chat and make new friends
- Enjoy a fun Storytime
- Get some starting school tips for parents and carers



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Summer 1:

Monday 13th-17 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 17 th May	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 21 st May	Whole School Sports Day
Friday 24 th May	Whole School Class Photos Year 4 Swimming (last Session)
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term School closed

Wishing you and your families a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Casey Cox
Head of School

Mrs Gina Bailey
Executive Headteacher



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