Dear Parents

Congratulations to all the Stars of the Week from this morning. We are very proud of the creativity and imagination they have already shown in their learning. Well done to Miss Carter Y2 and Mrs Gallagher Y5 for completing their first Celebration Assembly. It was lovely to see Fr Simon, the Co-chair of Governors and Willy Wonka joining us for our first celebration assembly of the term.

Today we are celebrating the creative and imaginative writing of Roald Dahl. Please encourage your children to read his amazing books. Here are a few questions you might like to discuss as a family this weekend:

- What does Esio Trot mean?
- What is the boy’s name in The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me?
- In The Twits, what does Mr Twit put in Mrs Twit’s bed?
- Where did Charlie find his Golden ticket?
- What does BFG stand for?
- What is Miss Honey’s first name?
- What city did James and his friends fly the peach to?

On Friday 27th September at 2.30pm we will be holding our coffee and cake afternoon for Macmillan Nurses. You are ALL invited to join us in the school hall for a drink and some cake. Some children will be chosen in assembly on Wednesday to sing some of the songs from Young Voices this year. Afterwards at 3.15pm you are all free to take your children home. We are asking for a donation of £1.

Special Awards
This week we have been discussing which children in Year 6 could be House Captains and Head boy and girl. We expect these children to be role models for learning. The children have also voted for the person they think would make good House Captains. We will be announcing the winners next week!

The children in each class have also voted for the person they want to represent them on the Junior Leadership Team. These children will be involved in, giving their opinions and making decisions. Badges will be awarded in our Celebration Assembly on Friday 20th September.
Child Safety
At our school we allow children to walk home from Year 5 onwards, providing we have parental permission. However we would ask that you consider carefully:

- How safe is the route home? Which roads will they need to cross? Is there a crossing nearby? Discuss with your child the safest route and what to do in an emergency.
- How responsible and grown up is your child? Do you trust them to make the right choices?
- Are you happy for them to walk home in the dark or when the weather is poor?

We appreciate this is a complicated matter for all parents and you may want your child to develop more independence ready for secondary school.

When parents ask us can an older sibling collect a younger child, we would consider how responsible is the older sibling? It is a big responsibility for a child to ensure their younger sibling is safe. At the end of the day there are no hard and fast rules and we can only make suggestions. You are ultimately responsible for getting your children to and from school safely.

Class Dojo
We are using Class Dojo again this year. Children will be rewarded for demonstrating good learning behaviours; Changing and learning, Meaning making, Curiosity, Creativity, Learning relationships, Resilience and Strategic awareness. Can I ask you not to send photographs of your child using Class Dojo.

What did OFSTED say about our school?
*Pupils are kept completely safe in this inclusive and harmonious school. They are usually eager to learn, are very proud of their school. Parents value the friendly environment in which their children learn well.*