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Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have just returned from the first ever Key Stage 2 Showcase of Talents performance and I am bursting with pride! The children all performed amazingly at St Augustine's church and absolutely shone, individually and together. Year 5 delivered a brilliant performance of Macbeth, Year 6 sang and played the flutes with great enthusiasm, the song, which Year 4 wrote, was powerful and moving. Year 3 finished with a dance routine bringing a tear to everyone's eye. The Year 3 and 4 performances were all linked to the theme of 'Hopeful Futures', from our work earlier in the year around Stephen Lawrence. The children's voices and passion were present in both pieces. Year 3 held banners to support their dance and express some of their feelings.



Windrush

This year is the 75th anniversary of the Windrush Generation. The HMT Empire Windrush arrived at the Port of Tilbury on 21st June 1948 and its passengers disembarked a day later. The ship carried 492 Caribbean migrants, many of them veterans of the Second World War. This ship and its passengers, have a symbolic status as the start of the Windrush Generation. Although we teach about the Windrush in the Year 5 curriculum, it is important for all of our pupils to know and understand how this generation helped make Britain what it is today.



Teacher Strikes

As you may be aware, further teacher strikes were announced at the beginning of the week. Industrial action for teachers within the NEU will be striking on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. I am waiting for staff to inform me as to whether they will be choosing to strike and as soon as I have heard back from all members of staff, I will write to you and let you how this will affect the school.





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Summer Social

A reminder that FOSJ will be holding the annual Summer Social in the school grounds on the evening of Friday 7th July. Because of this, there will be no Kidz Club that evening as all key areas of the school will be used. FOSJ will be coming to school to set up before the event starts at 6pm.

Contact Details

Please can you let inform the office if you have changed your contact details recently, as we must have up-to-date contact details for parents or carers of the children in case of emergencies. Additionally, please let us know if you are leaving your child/children in the care of another adult and if you are leaving the country for a significant amount of time, this would be three or more days. It is vital that we are made aware of this for safeguarding reasons.

Run Islington Run

A reminder that this Sunday 25th June, Run Islington Run will be taking place in Highbury Fields. I, along with a number of other teachers, will be there on the day taking part, cheering children along and joining in with all of the fun. If you still have not signed up for the run, please use the link below. It is a brilliant event to help raise additional funds for the school.

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/651140979197>

Sponsor a runner here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/runstjohnrun-2023>

Golden Book

Well done to all of the children listed below who have made it into the Golden book either this week or last week.

Week beginning 12th June

Year 1

Chloe

Alex

Emily

Year 3

Naomie



This week, I want to end with the lyrics for the song that Year 4 wrote together and performed yesterday at the Showcase of Talents. They are so powerful and moving! A real insight into what our children want for the world they are living in.





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Made For Us All

Verse 1

*When the water glistens brightly,
And the birds are flying by.
When the trees are waving quietly to you,
With their branches reaching high.*

Pre-Chorus 1

*And with the sun in the sky smiling back at you.
It's rays of delight show you the way.
All of the good dreams in life could be coming true,
And I know, you know, they know, we feel the same.*

Chorus

*We're hopeful for a better change,
Where all differences are embraced.
We're hopeful for a better change.
The future will be a kind place,
Made for us all.*

Verse 2

*When the grass is swaying gently,
And the flowers do it too.
Those around us are friendly to you,
We're all equal, through and through.*

Pre-Chorus 2

*All of the stars in the sky will be guiding you.
They glimmer and shine and show you the way.
All of the good dreams in life could be coming true,
And I know, you know, they know, we feel the same.*

Chorus

*We're hopeful for a better change,
Where all differences are embraced.
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The future will be a kind place,
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Best wishes,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

