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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and managed to tick a few things off your to-do list! It is starting to feel like spring—the flowers blooming in our playground have really brightened the mood and brought a lovely sense of the new season.

Governors Day

Every year, we invite our governors to spend a day in school—visiting classrooms, talking to children and staff, and looking at children's books. On Thursday, the governors spent the day finding out about all the wonderful things we do, both inside and outside the classroom.

This year, we introduced something new: an Advocacy Group. This is the first time we have done this, and it has been a fantastic addition. The children had to apply for their roles and demonstrate a genuine commitment to making a difference. During the visit, the Advocacy Group spoke eloquently to the governors about their current projects and how these are impacting both the school and our local community. It was truly inspiring to hear such young voices speaking with passion and purpose about doing good in the world.

I would like to say a big thank you and well done to: Pearl (Y4), Archie (Y3), Faantole (Y3), Isaiah (Y3), Grace (Y3), Ella (Y5), Favour (Y5), and Harmony (Y5). You are making a difference, and I am incredibly proud of you.

Mothering Sunday Lunch

Thank you to all the important mums and carers who joined us for our special lunch—it was, once again, so lovely to see so many of you in school. Your presence made the event truly special, and it was a joy to celebrate with you.

A huge thank you to our fantastic catering team—Beverley, Janett, Bella, and Tracy—for preparing such a delicious meal and helping to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere. We are so lucky to have you!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful Clare and Emily for all the behind-the-scenes work that often goes unnoticed but is absolutely essential. Your organisation, attention to detail, and willingness to help wherever needed ensure that events like these run smoothly and successfully.

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I feel incredibly grateful to work alongside such dedicated and caring colleagues who consistently go above and beyond to create memorable experiences for our school community.

Choir

Next week is the final week of the term, alongside our traditional Easter events, our choir will be singing with the 'Sing for Freedom' choir on Thursday at 3pm. You are very welcome to join us. The Sing for Freedom Choir is a community of torture survivors and friends from across London who sing together in a spirit of joy and hope, in solidarity with all those who are oppressed. The choir offers members a joyful community of friendship founded in music, and delight audiences with their unique and life-enhancing performances. They have performed in the Barbican, the Tower of London, the Southbank Centre, Union Chapel and Islington Town Hall, amongst others. They rehearse every Thursday lunchtime in Christchurch Highbury.

Key dates for next week

Tuesday 1st April - Mothering Sunday lunch

- 11.45am - 12.20pm Reception Class
- 12.30pm - 1.15pm - Y1 & Y2

Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Service at St Augustine's Church - 2.00pm - 2.45pm

Thursday 3rd April - Class Photos

Thursday 3rd April - Choir Performance - 3pm

Friday 4th April - Easter Bonnet Parade - 1:00 pm - 1.30pm

Friday 4th April - End of Term - 1.30pm

Happy Mothering Sunday to all the wonderful mums, grandmas, and mother figures—your love, strength, and care mean the world today and every day.

As always, thank you for everything you do to support the school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Khan

Head of School