



A short and sweet update on key things you need to be aware of ready for the next week or two at school.

The Oracy Cup

After some superb speeches on everything from favourite animals to what children would do if they were in charge, Zac from Y6, Michael from Y4, Elsie from Y1 and Rory from Year R accompanied me to Lockerley last week for the annual Oracy Cup.

Zac spoke with great eloquence and feeling about what happiness is. His speech resonated with all adults in the room and it will be published in the newsletter next week. I wholeheartedly agree with the need for us to CHOOSE happiness.

Michael spoke about 'what makes me me' and we heard what a busy bee he is who favours hard work and non-fiction so he can maximise learning. Elsie had written a fantastical story about what was through the magic door and Rory spoke so clearly and passionately about his favourite day out with his Papa in London. In fact, he spoke so brilliantly, he won the Year R competition!



Whilst things in school are busy, we have some key communication dates for parents:

Year 6 parents: TUES 28TH APR 3.30pm (face2face)
SATs briefing and events afterwards

Year 5 parents: MON 27TH APR 3.30pm (face2face)
Wales briefing – brought forward as we know you have questions!

Year 4 parents: FRI 1ST MAY 26 3.30pm (face2face)
Multiplication check briefing

Year 3 parents: FRI 8TH MAY 3.30pm (face2face)
Camp out briefing

Year 1 parents: WED 13TH MAY 8pm (virtual)
Phonics briefing

Year R parents: THURS 14TH MAY 8pm (virtual)
Early Years assessments briefing



Wonka bars

You will have no doubt seen and heard that Wonka bar tickets are up for sale. This annual tradition is now well established and, with the chocolate bars being available before Whitsun holidays, they could result in some great days out or prizes to make the holiday go more smoothly.

For those who have never taken part before, you need to buy as many chocolate bars as you like.

Chocolate bars get picked up on May 15th. Your child opens their Wonka bar which may or may not contain a golden ticket.

If it does, you collect a prize which could be anything from a £100 voucher for a meal at the new restaurant Laytons on the Sutton Scotney Rd to parking tickets for Moors Valley and sessions at Golden Gecko.

Book week

I'm sure many of you will have had friends whose children were dressing up for world book day. Instead of spending just one day celebrating fabulous books and stories, we are dedicating a whole week to reading related activities from 11th – 15th May.

We will hold a dress up day on Fri 15th May where your child should come dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl book. We are focusing on the magical storytelling in his collection of stories; everything from Boy to The Twits, Fantastic Mr Fox to the Giraffe, the pelly and me.

Each day children will spend their afternoons immersed in book activities linked to his stories and there will be opportunities to hear each other read too – more on this week in the newsletter next Friday.

