



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

A warm welcome to addition number two of our 'BeDifferent Bulletin'. It has been a really lovely start to our academic year, welcoming the children back from their summer holidays. Despite only being back for one and a half weeks, it has been super busy with lots of wonderful learning already taking place.

We also welcomed some new children to Lonesome last Monday with the start of our Reception children. It was so nice to meet so many of the families at the Early Years open mornings and afternoons, where some important information was shared and the children had the opportunity to explore their new classes.

### **Year 3 Chocolate Factory**

The children in Year 3 had a chocolate workshop in school on Thursday and what fun they had! They learned all about the history of chocolate and where in the world it was grown. The children got the opportunity to hold a cocoa bean and raw cocoa butter. They were fascinated by the chocolate making process. The children then got to make chocolate truffles and were lucky enough to take some home. The smell of chocolate in the classes was incredible and I am sure that your children enjoyed the chocolate that they got to take home.



### **Bedtime Reading Session**



On Thursday evening, we welcomed all of our Reception and Year 1 children back to school for a very special bedtime story. The children and staff were all dressed in their pyjamas and some of the children brought along their teddies too. Teachers read the children a story while they had some hot chocolate and biscuits. We were so thrilled to see so many of our families attend these sessions. This was also an opportunity for our staff to introduce the 'Bedtime Reading Challenge', which starts today. The trackers will come home with the children so please do make sure that you record



and sign the tracker when you hear your child read so that you establish a good reading routine and win a special prize at the end of the challenge.

### Attendance

Regular attendance in school is essential to ensure that your child secures meaningful relationships and maximises their learning potential. Please do make sure that you are sending your child into school every day unless they are really poorly. The attendance of all our children will continue to be closely monitored. We will be sharing the attendance data for each class in every bulletin. A huge well done to all of our classes that achieved above our target of 94%.

Class	Percentage %
Einstein AM	0
Einstein PM	0
Einstein Full Time	95%
Livingstone	100
Donaldson	94%
Ennis	95%
Wonder	91%
Palin	80%
Lincoln	87%
Milne	92%
Mandela	91%
Pankhurst	99%
Wilberforce	95%
Roots	95%
Da Vinci	94%
Buble	95%

### Book Borrow

Our BeDifferent Book Borrow will launch again this academic year, with the first 'borrow' taking place next Friday 22nd September. The Book Borrow will now be available for children to access every two weeks on a Friday at 8.25 am in the Key Stage 2 playground, with the expectation that the children swap their borrowed book each time. Please do come along and take a book to read with your child.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our range of extra-curricular clubs start this Monday. We do still have a few spaces left in our Board Games Club as well as spaces in boxing and football. Please do let us know if you would like to take up one of these spaces.

Please do remember that school finishes at 2.30 pm on Friday afternoon.

Ms Revell and Mrs Bull

