

Dear Parents/Guardians,

18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **National Parliament Week and Farming Protest**

This week is National Parliament Week, a time when we focus on educating our children about the role of Parliament in our democracy. We'll be exploring how laws are made, how our government works, and how individuals can participate in shaping our society.

Additionally, this week we will be holding elections for School Councillors and Worship Councillors. Many of our children have been working hard, preparing speeches and campaign materials, in anticipation of these elections. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to practice their public speaking skills and to learn about the democratic process first-hand.

As part of **National Parliament Week**, we've also been made aware of a **protest by farmers** who are concerned about the Government's proposed changes to inheritance tax. On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, many farmers and farmer's unions are encouraging schools to support their protest by having children wear wellies to school, as they protest in London about the tax changes.

We understand that there are varying perspectives on this issue. However, we believe that it is important to support our children in understanding the concept of democratic expression. By allowing children to wear wellies, if they wish, we are providing them with an opportunity to participate in a symbolic act of solidarity and to learn about the importance of civic engagement.

We encourage you to discuss this matter with your children and to help them understand the different perspectives involved. Ultimately, the decision of whether or not to participate in the support for this protest rests with you and your family. We will let you choose if you want to wear wellies into school tomorrow and importantly, we encourage you to discuss the issue at home so that the children understand and are able to articulate some of the issues.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Brian Jones

