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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well? Please would you read the following information some of which contains dates for the diary! Thank you.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

The children are invited to take part in an Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. It is always lovely seeing the children arrive wearing their bonnets.

### **School Closed**

School is closed on Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.  
School is closed on Easter Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **School Photographs**

Please make sure that all of your photograph orders are back in school by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March as they are being collected on that day.

### **Sports Relief**

The children had a great day and enjoyed raising money for Sports Relief. We raised **£163.70**. This is fantastic, you are so generous – we are a small school with a big heart.

### **Charity Clothes Bin**

As you are aware we have had a charity clothes bin in the school car park which many of you have used. Sadly the company is no longer working. We are hoping to replace it soon. I will keep you informed.

### **Improved Outside for Early Years**

Mrs McDonald Holmes (Governor) and her husband Mr Holmes have very kindly been working very hard in their own time to improve the outdoor area of the Early Years. It already looks fantastic and the children love it! They have also approached business firms and I am delighted to inform you that

Travis Perkins have been very generous and have donated paint, wood and other materials for free to help improve the outdoor area. If you have an hour spare, in which you can help or if you are a painter, joiner or handy person with your own tools and can also spare some time please speak to Mrs McDonald Holmes or Mr Holmes. They are doing a fantastic job but many hands make light work! Thank you.

### **Religious Education Monitoring Visit**

The Inspector spent the day in our school and having interviewed staff; children; observed lessons, looking in the children's books she stated "This is a Fabulous School!" We were delighted with this outcome because your children really do deserve that – they work hard and value their learning – so well done children – thank you so much for your support.

### **Adult Library**

Please can I remind you that we have a little library for adults in the Main Entrance? There is a range of books available for you to borrow. Also if you have finished with a book that you enjoyed and no longer want it, please put it in our adult library. Thank you.

### **Long-term solution to head lice and nits**

Visit [www.nits.net](http://www.nits.net)

Email us at [bugbusters2k@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bugbusters2k@yahoo.co.uk)

One to one Help Line 01908561928

### **Year 6 Leaver's Celebration – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

The Year 6 children will be having a Leavers' Celebration day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. At 10 O'clock there will be a special informal assembly for parents/carers. I am letting you know now in case you have to arrange time off work. The assembly will last approximately 45 minutes. It is always a lovely occasion.

### **School Uniform**

Please can I remind you that plain black footwear is required as part of the school uniform? Would you also please remind your children that make up and nail varnish is not allowed to be brought into school or to be worn in school. It is just a minority of children who have starting doing this but it is inappropriate and not fair when the rest of the children wear the correct uniform. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Healthy Life Styles Message**

Don't forget – The children are encouraged to bring a bottle of still plain water to school to sip throughout the day. They are all improving their fitness by the introduction of daily "fit time" on the timetable – a quick walk around the playground every day. The children are making healthy choices in what they choose to eat at lunch time or have in their packed lunches – choosing more fruit and vegetables and less food/drink which contains sugar. All of this has a positive impact on their learning.

### **Football at lunch time**

If your child would like to play football at lunch time, please allow him/her to bring an old pair of track suit bottoms and a pair of old trainers – to leave in school. The children put them on to protect their uniforms and shoes. They are not allowed to play unless they have the above. Thank you.

### **Toast**

If any parents can spare one hour per week to come into school and make toast for the children, please let Mrs Clarke, in the office know – the children love to buy toast every morning.

### **Shakespeare Passport**

Each child took part in Shakespeare Week last week and received their own Shakespeare Passport which contains games and puzzles. Their passports will also allow their parents to receive discounts on future Shakespeare activities and products during the year.

### **Parent's Night – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

The main parent's night will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. The Teachers will send out appointments nearer to the time.

### **Spring Holiday**

We close for the Spring holiday on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2 O'clock.

School opens on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and encouragement?

Have a lovely Easter weekend with your fantastic children.

A very happy, proud Headteacher

Mrs J Grundy.