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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Please join us in thinking about the people affected by the sad events which occurred in London on Wednesday. Our prayers and thoughts are with those involved.

The bad weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the lucky 8 children who got to see Prince Charles on Tuesday. They braved the hail storms and cold winds to meet their future King and it was all worth it when he came over and chatted to the children. He shook hands with each of them and asked what work they were missing and where the school was. The children were so well behaved and answered so eloquently. An absolutely credit to our school. Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Smith who took them along and despite frozen hands managed to capture the moment on camera.





### **Congratulations**

Welcome to Ollie Philip, a brother to Leo and Bradley. Born on Sunday weighing 8lb 5oz. Congratulations to the whole family.

### **Farewell and Thank you**

It was a sad but moving day for the school with Mrs Coar enjoying her last day as the school cook. As is the case with Mrs Coar, she worked extremely hard until her final lunch was made, producing wonderful cakes for the children to enjoy. The children have been preparing for her special assembly which was a great success this afternoon. Thank you to the parents who contributed to Mary's present. She was presented with a Pandora bracelet and charm, a bouquet of flowers and a personalised mug to enjoy her first cup of coffee as a retired lady.



### **Red nose Day**

Thank you for the donations for red nose day. The children look fabulous in their noses. We have raised **£198.60**

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all the parents who attended one of the 2 parents' evenings this week

### **Gymnasts**

Well done to the children who have been part of the gymnastics club delivered by Catherine Crew for their fabulous performance to parents and relatives this morning. Their progress in just a few weeks is amazing. They were all stars!

### **Sponsored events Week**

Well done to the School council and Mrs Thornton for organising the sponsored events week in school this week and to each class for trying so hard with the fundraising. More information about how much was raised will follow after the holidays but the children have had a wonderful time!

### **PTA**

The PTA and School Council have worked together to fundraise and as requested by the children have ordered some picnic benches which will arrive after the end of term holiday. We are looking forward to having these fitted.

### **EYFS Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all the parents and relatives who were able to join in with reception class and their super maths work on Thursday morning during the coffee morning. Your positive feedback is appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Collinge, Mrs Venguedasalon and Mrs Downes.

### **Wear Purple for Epilepsy**

Thank you to all the parents and children who baked and bought some wonderful cakes for the cake sale. The children were overwhelmed by the amount (400!) and choice of cakes. As always, it is very much appreciated as to how much effort parents go to, to support the charity choices and particularly to Epilepsy Action as this is very close to our hearts. When we know the total raised we will let you know.

Thank you to Denise Murray, Mrs Blatchford, Mrs Bywater, Mrs Fox, Mrs Layzell and the student council for helping.



### **Sponsored Run**

Gabriella in year 6 has decided to run a marathon for Lent! She has calculated that she needs to run **42.2** kilometres in 40 days. Every day since Ash Wednesday Gabriella has put on her training shoes, regardless of the weather, and has run 1.05 kilometres a day, so far she has completed 17.85 kilometres with 24.4 to go before Easter Sunday. Her parents have set up a Just Giving site for her and so far she has raised £232 for Prostate Cancer UK. Unfortunately Gabriella's Granddad has recently been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and is undergoing treatment. Gabriella has been adding updates to the page along with photos of her many runs. If you would like to support Gabriella's amazing efforts, please log on to her just giving page or if you send in a clearly labelled donation to the school office we will gladly pass this on. Amazing Gabriella.

### **Sports Clubs - Before & After School**

You should have received a text, on Wednesday, confirming whether your child has secured a place in the before or after Sports Club/s requested.

Please can payment be made on Parent pay or in an envelope, via the office, marked for the attention of Mrs Moon. The amounts are as follows for the full Summer term:-

- Benchball/Dodgeball (Juniors)           £20.00
- Gymnastics                                   £20.00
- All other Clubs                             £24.00

There are a few places left in Dance, Cricket and Tennis.

**This week in attendance**

Well done to Year 1 for 100% attendance.

There were over **1000** minutes in late arrivals.

**REMEMBER - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!** Even 5 minutes late can impact on the working day. Please be in school by 8.55 am.

**Dates for your Diary**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Junior Easter Read around at 9.10am. Parents and relatives welcome.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - PTA decorate an egg competition- more information to come

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am - KS1 Easter Eggstravaganza - Parents and relatives welcome.

I wish you all a very peaceful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8.55am

Thank you for your continued support