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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have enjoyed the Easter break. The children have come back to school with lots of enthusiasm and all seem to have grown taller over the holidays! We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us so please find details below about the various activities.

Dates for the term ahead will be sent out in the next newsletter.

### **Class Photos**

Class photos are being taken on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April so can you please ensure that your child has their school sweatshirt or cardigan with them. Girls may wear either their winter or summer uniform.

### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you for all your donations for Comic Relief. £516 was collected from the school and Little Robins combined. I think that the children and staff enjoyed the joke telling and comic routines.

### **International Week**

International Week is taking place next week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April. Each year group has been allocated a continent and will learn about the countries in this continent during the week. The continents that the classes are learning about are as follows

Reception	Africa
Year One	Asia
Year Two	South America
Year Three	Oceania
Year Four	Western Europe

In addition to Literacy and Numeracy activities, the week will have a food focus. We have a number of workshops and activities for the children where they will learn about food and cooking in different countries around the world.

During the week each class will either visit a local restaurant or shop to learn about cooking methods, food preparation, cooking utensils, food storage, food origin and food miles. Visits include Pizza Express, M&S, Tesco and Thai Rack. All visits are covered by the local permission visit slip which we have for your child.

As the week progresses the children will complete a passport recording their activities from their trip around the world.

On Friday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm there will be an International Food Court in the school hall. There will be food to taste and sample from all around the world provided by both parents and local restaurants. After collecting your child at the end of the school day you are welcome to attend the Food Court. Please enter the hall via the door on the far side of the playground by the planters. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children and what they eat at the Food Court.

If anyone else is willing to provide a dish or food tasting at this event we would appreciate some additional foods. To date we have Greek, Polish, English Guatemalan, Japanese, Spanish, Ukranian, Russian, Swedish, Brazilian and Syrian food on offer. Please either contact Yulia Knottenbelt on [julievlad@hotmail.com](mailto:julievlad@hotmail.com) or leave a message at the school office.

We are looking forward to an enriching and busy week.

### **Garden Planters in the Playground**

I would like to publically thank Bunnings who provided the sensory plants and staff to work with the children in Year Two to plant up two of the planters in the playground. They have done great job and it looks really good.

We have a planting plan and shrubs and plants on order from a local Nursery for the remainder of the playground but will need some adult help to plant. We are hoping to get the plants delivered for a Friday morning this half term and wondered if any of you would be able to spare an hour to plant one Friday? If you are able to help can you please let me know.

**Childminder Register**

We do keep a list of childminders at the school office which we give out to parents on request. If you are a childminder and would like to be added to our list please let Mrs Brown in the office know or alternatively if you are looking for care we can provide you with the list.

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) School Information Report**

We are required to publish a report outlining our provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities on our website. This is for current and prospective parents and is updated annually. We have recently reviewed our report and welcome any feedback from parents. The report can be found in the policy section of our website. Please note that we do not intend to publish a list of all interventions we offer for two reasons; firstly because we tailor interventions to the needs of individual children and secondly because there are interventions that we could offer if required but are not currently needed. If you have any comments please could you pass them to Miss Lord our Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

**E-safety Newsletter**

The latest e-safety newsletter from Herts for Learning has been added to our website in the newsletter section. It does contain some interesting topics and is well worth a read.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J Goddard*

Headteacher