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Dear Parents,

Last week we all really enjoyed our creative writing experience and were very pleased to solve the problem of the missing diamond on Friday. Much investigation and sifting through clues took place with lots of theories being talked about all week. Some super newspaper reports have been written so I think we can say that the week was a success.

Red Nose day

Please remember that we are participating in Red Nose Day this Friday 24th March. Children may wear something red to school in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Children will also have the opportunity if they wish to perform a 1 minute stand-up routine to their class. This routine could involve telling jokes, or a funny story or singing a funny song etc. In return the children will earn a Red Nose day sticker.

Baby News

Ms Harley (Teaching Assistant from Scarlet Class) had her baby last week – a little girl whom they have called Layla weighing in at 8lb and 2oz. Mother and baby are doing well so we shall look forward to seeing them soon.

School Meals

We have been notified by Hertfordshire Catering that the cost of school meals for children in Year Three and above will increase from April 18th. The catering company has said that the increase in price has been brought about due to the implementation of the living wage, the apprenticeship levy, and an increase in pension costs. A meal will cost £2.30 per day.

The new Spring/Summer menu will start after the Easter break, more information will be sent home next week about the meal choices. One change is that in addition to the Meat Main and Vegetarian Main, there will be the option of a Jacket Potato with selected fillings available every day.

Swimming for Year Four

The children in Year Four have now benefited from two terms of swimming lessons and have had twenty lessons in total. They have now had their final lesson so it has been very good to see the progress made by the children in both their swimming and life-saving skills. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have walked with the children to the pool each week. We have appreciated your support.

Coats

We have had a number of children arriving at school without coats over the past two weeks. As the weather is so changeable during the day can you please ensure that your child has their coat with them every day.

Parking

I have had complaints from the residents in Church Green which is the small slip road by the Blacksmith Arms informing us that parents have been parking there to drop off and collect their children before and after school. The parking there is resident only so should not be used. The cars noted have the following number plates: an Audi KS63 LDY, a BMW HN10 OVR and a Citroen. If you are the driver of one of these vehicles please do not park there again. I have also noticed that some parents have been parking in the private car park opposite the school. This car park is not for public use and is operated by one of the local businesses. They are getting extremely annoyed with parents who continue to park there. If this is you please do not park there again. As a school we work very hard to foster good relationships with the community and the actions of these parents are very unhelpful.

Wedding

Miss Burke is getting married during the Easter holidays and when she comes back to school after the break will be Mrs Carter. We hope that she has a very special day.

Fundraising

One of our Reception parents is running the London Marathon on 23rd April and has set up a JustGiving crowdfunding page to raise funds to help purchase two defibrillators, one for school and one for Little Robins Pre-School.

The page is now "live" and will be open until Friday 5th May, 12 days after the London Marathon.

We are very grateful to Mr Douglas and wish him the best of luck for the big day. If you would like to support his efforts the following is a link to his JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/james-douglas?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20170322_85197&utm_content=crowdfunding

End of Term

As the end of term approaches it feels as if we have had a very busy few weeks. The children have participated in many learning activities both in and out of the classroom and a number of after school clubs.

Our term ends with the Year Four concert next Tuesday and the PTA Year R and One Spring Disco on Thursday. We finish for the Easter break on Friday 31st March at 1.30pm with the children returning to school on Tuesday 18th April at the usual time. I hope that you all have a lovely break (when it arrives!)

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Goddard

Headteacher