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Dear Parents,

There are some activities coming up and some various items of school news that I hope you find useful and interesting.

Staffing

Last week we sadly said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Starck, who has worked here as a Teaching Assistant for a number of years. Mrs Kumarasinghe, who has been working in Apple class in the afternoons since January, will now also be working in Aqua class in the mornings. We also welcomed Ms Dias as our new admin assistant on Mondays and Fridays to work alongside Mrs Brown and Miss Cockerton. For information, the school office is now open from 8.30am to 4.30pm (4.00pm on a Friday), term time only.

Toys in school

Thank you very much for your understanding in not allowing your child to bring their Rubik's Cube or other toys from home into school. The Rubik's Cubes were causing a lot of upset due to all looking the same (!) and being lost, broken or causing disagreements in the playground which was then spilling over into lesson times, which is why we took the decision to ask for them not to be brought to school.

World Book Day

We hope your child is looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this Thursday, and maybe even dressing up as a character from a Roald Dahl book if they would like to. The teachers have planned some exciting activities for the day linked to the theme 'Share A Story', including linking up with other year groups and classes across the school for some reading time. You may like to know about the free Borrow Box app which can be downloaded onto Kindles, tablets etc. You need to be a member of the Hertfordshire library service, and you log in with your library card number and a pin that you request from the library. You can then borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library free of charge for a period of time.

Road Safety

Phase 1 children have taken part in a Road Safety lesson today with a Road Safety Officer. Please take care when crossing the road outside school, and always use the pelican crossing points so that the children learn this vital life skill for when they are older.

St Albans Young Musician Competition

We are very proud of our fantastic school orchestra and string quartet, who got through to the finals of the St Albans Young Musician Competition. They performed on Sunday afternoon in the Cathedral, and sounded wonderful. Thank you very much to Ms Dore, Mrs Diamond, Ms Debretzeni and Ms Burt for their hard work and dedication to helping the children rehearse and play so beautifully and giving them this experience. Two of our pupils also played in the final in different categories of the competition and they both won! Tabitha Wicks in Year 6 performed with her friend in the Primary School Small Ensemble category, and Alma Nunez Debretzeni in Year 5 won the Primary Solo Wind/Brass category. This is an amazing achievement and we are so proud of you both!

Football and Netball team news

Congratulations to our football team who participated in a District tournament last week. They won some of their matches, drew some and lost some, but kept their enthusiasm and good sportsmanship going throughout and we are very proud of how well you represented our school. The same can be said of our netball team who played against a very strong team from St Adrian's school last week but played with a positive attitude right to the end. Well done to all of them.

International Week 18th-21st March

Plans are well underway for our International Week and we have many exciting activities planned linked to this year's theme of Sports and Games. You should have received some information about a sponsored Danceathon that the children will be doing in their PE lesson next week to raise money to support athletes who compete for Great Britain. Some of the money raised will also go to buying sports equipment for our school. This is of course purely voluntary, but all children will get the opportunity to meet the athlete, national martial arts champion Nicola Barke, when she visits our school during International Week. The week will end with a closing ceremony when the children will take part in a flag parade around the playground in the style of the Olympic Games. Parents are welcome to join us for this at 3.15pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Stray

Headteacher