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Dear Parents and Carers,

International Week

We have all enjoyed a very exciting International Week this week. The children have taken part in a wide variety of sports and games from around the world including baseball, Capoeira, Petanque, folk dancing and rugby to name just a small selection. We are hugely grateful to all the parents who have helped to organise the week, come in to run workshops and given talks to the children about a sport from their country. Another highlight of the week was the visit from James Abbott, a GB Para-Athlete. He gave an inspirational talk in assembly about not being held back and achieving your dreams no matter what obstacles are in the way, and also ran workshops with the children. With your help, our sponsored Danceathon raised an amazing £3,346, which is an incredible amount. Half of this will be given back to the school by the Inspired Through Sport organisation to be used to buy sports equipment and the rest will be used by them to support GB athletes in their training. Thank you so much for your generosity and your support of this initiative. We hope you can join us from 3.10pm today in the playground for our closing flag ceremony. Reception and Year 1 children will parade around the playground at 3.15pm, then return to their classes to be dismissed as usual. Children in Year 2 upwards will parade from 3.20pm and will be dismissed directly from the playground. Look out for photos and more details of what the children have been doing on the class blogs on our website.

School Website

We have a new school website which was launched yesterday. We hope you find the new website informative and easier to navigate than the old one. If you think there is any more information that would be useful to include on the website, please let me know because this can be added.

Football and Netball results

Our football team played brilliantly this week in their crunch match against Skyswood to decide the final league positions. They drew 2-2 so based on this result Skyswood have won the league and we have come second, which is an amazing achievement in our first year of having a Year 6 team. Huge congratulations to the team and to Mr Wanless for his great coaching! Also triumphing last weekend was our netball team, who played in their first tournament against other St Albans schools. The team didn't win their matches, but did win the Fair Play award as voted for by all the teams. We are so proud of their spirit and style of play and thank Mrs Wonnacott for coaching them so well this season.

School Meals

HCL will be raising the price of a Junior meal to £2.50 next term. The price of an Infant meal will remain unchanged.

Staffing

We have welcomed Mrs Pasarica this week to our staff team as a teaching assistant. She will be working in Forest class during Ms Kirk's absence in the mornings and Vermillion class in the afternoons.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs G Stray
Headteacher