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Dear Parents and Carers

Earlier this week many of you came along to meet with your child's teacher and find out what they have been up to and receive updates about their learning. Don't forget that the teachers are always happy to have a chat at any point in the term if you have any concerns. The end of the school day is always the best time for longer conversations rather than the start. Mrs Robinson or Mr Nelson can pass on any messages at any time. Below is some more generic information and updates which I hope you will find useful.

Mrs Hawkins - I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Hawkins will be back in school from Monday.

Toilets - You can't fail to have noticed that our building work has been going on for much longer than we anticipated. It is fair to say that the work hasn't been without one or two surprises that were discovered as the job progressed. The team assure me that the work is nearly complete and that, barring any last minute setbacks, our toilets will be ready for use when we return from our Easter holiday. I would like to say a particular thank you to all the children and staff for their patience and understanding whilst the work has been going on.

Easter Event - On the last day of term we will be organising some fun activities in school to celebrate Easter. As part of this, if any child would like to make an Easter Bonnet or bring in a decorated egg, they are most welcome to do so. Some small prizes will be awarded to the best ones. There is no expectation to take part in this event, it is purely optional.

The last day of term will also be a non uniform day. We ask for a minimum donation of £1 which is donated to our school charity. Please remember that the children will still be playing outside so need to wear suitable clothes and shoes. This day will also be the last swimming session of the year, as swimming does not take place in the Summer term.

Yours sincerely

Mr W Nelson
Headteacher

Our fantastic FAnS have been very busy recently organising events and activities for our pupils.



Mother's Day - Traditionally FAnS have sold Mother's Day gifts in school in the week leading up to Mother's Day. This year they have managed to secure sponsorship from a local company which means that every child will be given free of charge a gift to give their mum on Mother's Day. They will publicly thank the sponsor after the gifts have been sent home so as not to give the game away!

Easter Raffle - FAnS had hoped to run an event over the Easter holidays but unfortunately have been unable to do so. However, they had already though been donated a small number of prizes to use at this event, and so, will be running an Easter Raffle with these prizes. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, priced at £1 per ticket. The draw will take place on Friday 4th April.

Any donation of extra prizes will be most welcome.

Bike Shed - Over the years some parents have asked about a cycle shelter at school and, I am delighted to say that, thanks to the assistance of DoI and FAnS, a bike shelter will be installed at school over the Easter Holidays. This will provide a sheltered area for children to store their bike or scooter during the school day.

Our policy on the use of bikes during the school day remains the same, whereby children are welcome to ride their bikes and scooters on our playground before and after school, but not during the school day. We also ask that once the playground starts to get busy shortly after 9.00am, the bikes are put away and stay there until the end of the day when the playground has quietened down again, normally a few minutes after home time.

What do FAnS do with their money?

So far this year FAnS have paid for the school Christmas party, cookery activities in different classes and the visit of the Lempen Puppet Theatre. They have also committed to paying for the installation of the new bike shelter, an additional shed for the Year 1/2 outside area, extra sports kits for our children to wear when representing the school and the coach for the whole school day out. In the past they have also paid for ice creams at the end of sports day and covered the cost of other trips out. I am sure that they will do the same again this year, but as yet this hasn't been discussed.