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NEWSLETTER 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! We have finally reached the end of a very busy term. Looking back at all that has been achieved this term – Ofsted, the canopy, the porch, Speedmark fundraising, egg decorating, RE Learning Together Week, visits to Celtic Harmony, The London Aquarium, St Albans Abbey and the local firestation, not to mention our sporting successes in netball, football and tag rugby – I am amazed that we have managed to fit any learning in at all! However, we have and the evidence of that was the phenomenal number of certificates handed out at today's Certificate Assembly. Well done to everyone: staff, children and parents.

Netball

I was very remiss during the assembly and because I didn't have certificates or a shield to give them, I forgot to mention our incredibly successful netballers. Sorry! They are very dedicated, turning out to practices every week and have regularly won their matches against some stiff competition. Their behaviour is always impeccable (of course) and they recently participated in a Saturday tournament. Whilst they weren't overall winners, they still reached a very creditable level in the tournament and enjoyed themselves whilst they did so.

Summer Uniform

After Easter I am sure that many children will be coming into school in summer uniform. Red check dresses or grey shorts or culottes are all acceptable. However it is very important to look after your feet so jelly shoes are not allowed and socks (or tights) must be worn with all shoes.

Sun Safety

We may very well return to a heatwave! If this is the case please ensure you apply suntan lotion before they come to school.

Every child **must** bring a named water bottle to school. Some children have got into a habit of not bothering with their water bottle knowing that they can borrow a beaker from school instead. Unfortunately I cannot guarantee that these are cleaned adequately at the end of the day, so this is not hygienic enough.

Decorated Easter Egg Competition

The standard of entry was extremely high and I was pleased to see so many entries from across the school. The entire staff voted to select their favourites and the winners are:

Reception: Molly
Year 1: Rami
Year 2: Andy
Year 3: Yousra
Year 4: Jaime-Lee and Anna
Year 5: Anisah and Amber
Year 6: Josh



Fundraising

Our dressing up day for Sport Relief on Friday 21st March raised £ 137.55. The Speedmark Challenge raised £996 for school funds as well as an equivalent amount for the football charity. The Easter Egg Raffle raised £213.90, which will go towards play equipment for the children.

Football

As undefeated winners in our league, the football team entered an inter-league competition. They played very well and were complemented on their sportsmanship and good manners. Unfortunately they were up against much larger schools so they didn't win overall. However they came away with a super trophy to add to our collection.

Tag Rugby

Our tag rugby teams attended their first competition and had great fun! There are more competitions planned, so look out for those. It is clear that our Sports Awards Assembly at the end of the year is going to be very busy.

Easter Holidays

If you are looking for something to entertain the children during the holidays there is an Easter Egg Hunt at Wick Wood at 10am – 12 noon on Saturday 19th April 2014. Entry is 50p. Further details are available from the Woodland Trust (woodlandtrust.org.uk/heartwood).

There is also a small craft fair at Fleetville Community Centre 1pm- 4pm on Saturday 5th April. There will be an opportunity to try or buy crafts with tea and cakes served throughout the afternoon.

St Albans City Youth are running a very reasonably priced Easter Coaching Camp. Details are available on their website: www.cityyouthfc.co.uk

Start of Term

School starts again on TUESDAY 22nd April at 8.45am. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Mrs. D. Raftery
Headteacher