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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the blossom on the trees, it is really beginning to feel like spring! Although this is a relatively short term, it has still been action packed. Year 1 have been round to the café, Year 2 went to St Luke's church, Year 4 have been to the Abbey and Year 5 to the local fire station! There are yet more visits planned for next term. Thank you to any parents/grandparents who came along and helped to staff these excursions. There have also been a raft of different sporting events and Year 6 have completed their cycling proficiency. Yet, we've still found time to raise money for Comic Relief!

The Easter holiday starts next Thursday, 2nd April at 2pm. There are no after school clubs next week, apart from the boys' 6-A-Side football team, who have a training session on Wednesday after school, in preparation for the 6-A-Side Football Tournament.

Book Week

Prior to the holidays we have some fun events planned for next week. We are holding a Book Week next week, with the children sharing their favourite b

ooks and stories, dressing up and writing their own stories. On Wednesday the children should come dressed as a book character. Costumes should be suitable for a busy and active school day, and appropriate for the weather! Shoes, in particular, need to be sensible and although it may spoil the overall effect of the costume, slippers and sandals are not safe enough for school.

Easter Celebrations

We will be holding our traditional Easter Egg raffle, thanks to the kind donations of Easter eggs by the staff. However, in order to make the raffle fairer, hopefully less disappointing for some and easier on the parental purse/pocket, we are making some changes. Your child will be bringing home a 'raffle ticket' for them to put their name and class on and to decorate with an Easter theme. If they wish this raffle ticket to be put in the draw, they must pay 50p to do so. BUT, they may only put one ticket in the draw. This means that parents only pay 50p per child and all the children who enter have an equal chance of winning. Nobody will win two or three eggs all for themselves. I hope that you and the children will find this fairer and that everyone will participate. Raffle tickets must be returned to school (with their 50p) by Tuesday, 31st April.

We will also hold our decorated egg competition. Eggs can be decorated on their own, or be part of a scene. There will be small prizes for the best decorations. Decorated Easter eggs should be brought into school no later than 3pm on Wednesday, 1st April. The prize winners will be announced in Thursday's Certificate Assembly.



Red Nose Day

Thank you to all of you who supported our Comic Relief Fundraising activities. As a result of whacky hair-dos, funny faces, secret agents and brilliant bakes we raised more than £250!!

Sports

We have continued to have a very busy sporting calendar. Our runners continued to improve their placings at the cross country event at Fleetville Juniors; the boys' football team played well against London Colney Primary School, unfortunately losing 2:1 in a close fought match; the girls' football team played valiantly against Wheatfields Junior School losing only 4-1. Bearing in mind that Wheatfields is a larger school, with a larger pool of players to choose from and this is our first season of girls' football, this shows a significant improvement since the beginning of the season. Our netball team played against Prae Wood, who have been formidable opponents in the past, winning 5:3 away. We also sent two tag rugby teams to the Saracen's festival. They performed extremely well and we will be looking forward to more matches in the summer term.

Summer Uniform

When we return after Easter, the children may start wearing their summer uniforms. This means polo shirts (if they want to) in KS2 and red gingham summer dresses for the girls. However, open-toed sandals and especially 'jellies' are not suitable for school and must not be worn.

There will still be some cold days and, with the vagaries of the British weather, almost certainly rain on a regular basis. All children should be bringing coats to school even if the weather looks sunny in the morning. Coats should be at least showerproof; 'hoodies' are not an appropriate alternative.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all back again on **MONDAY, 20th April 2015.**

Yours sincerely

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