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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents

A short, but extremely busy and successful term. Our Year 6 children have all secured their high school places, children who sat for the independent sector passed all the examinations they took and were therefore in the lucky position of being able to choose the school that suited them best. They are an exceptional Year 6 class not just for academic achievements but for the contribution they make to school life and the way they work and play together and support one another. A confident, happy and successful class, we are very proud of them.

Thank you all so much for your support of our Haiti fundraising events. The talent show was a great success, enjoyed by everyone and what a pleasure it was to see children from all classes take part, encourage and applaud one another so enthusiastically. A cheque for £167 has been sent to Unicef. Copies of the DVD of the talent show will be available after the Easter break. Lenten collections for Mission Together raised just over £200, we certainly can eat a lot of toast!

Congratulations to the Choir who were Best in Class for unison singing at the recent Ramsbottom Music Festival. We were also delighted for Lucy in Year 6 who not only won her solo class but was awarded the Most Promising Classical Singer trophy at the gala concert held the week after.

The new Early Years outdoor play equipment has now been installed and considerable work on improving the access to the outdoor classroom is being carried out over the Easter holidays. After the installation was completed I reminded all the children that they must not play on the equipment as they enter and leave school, it has been designed for the younger children and must only be used when supervised by staff. The children have been really good about this.

We have also secured a grant for £2,500 of IT equipment for Nursery and Reception and some exciting new equipment has been ordered for the children.

A couple of housekeeping matters to remind you about, the first being the significant amount of unnamed uniform being found around school (please make this a holiday job) and can I ask that you close the gates as you enter or leave the playgrounds, this is very important at all times but more so after Easter as the Reception class will be in the main playground before school. I do know that some parents have been turned away from Busy Bees because the club has been full. The numbers have increased significantly this year and we are in the process of re-registering (currently we are registered with OfSTED for 32 children), once this has been achieved we will employ an additional member of staff and should be able to meet everyone's needs. I apologise for the inconvenience but this is a lengthy process. If you wish to cancel a booked place please give us as much notice as possible. I hope this situation will be resolved very soon.

The PTFA did a marvellous job at the Easter Fair and I know they are very grateful for your support and for all your comments. £1833.16 was raised and we are well on the way to having the funds needed for a new stage. This brings me straight on to the announcement that our summer production will be Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, something to really look forward to. Auditions will take place immediately after the holiday. The next PTFA event will be the Fizz Fashion show on Tuesday 20 April followed by a Ferrari Fun Day in June, date to be confirmed. Thank you for your very positive feedback on the texting system, it is certainly proving a simple and direct method of keeping you up-to-date.

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids and Tesco Vouchers. Please let family and friends know.

Our Healthy Schools week this year concentrated on Global Citizenship with children learning about, amongst other things, Fairtrade and sustainability. Each class has written their own Eco-Code, something we will be building on and developing over the next couple of years.

I am delighted that the nursery class is nearly full for the coming September but if you do require a place or know someone who may be interested then please contact Mrs Paylor as soon as possible after the Easter break. We will be having another Open Event on Saturday 15 May, details to follow.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the diary dates attached particularly Parents' Evening and Test Week and thank you for your continued support.

Have a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Anne Dean

School re-opens on Monday 12 April.

Diary Dates

April

- 13th Parents' Evening
- 19th Book Week (Travelling Theatre visit on 21st)
- 20th PTFA Fizz Fashion Show
- 23rd Class photographs
- 29th Y3 swimming begins

May

- 7th Robinwood meeting for parents
- 15th Open Day, *details to follow.*
- 17th Test week
- 20th Art Exhibition, *details to follow*
- 22nd PTFA Movie Show
- 26th Y6 residential visit to Robinwood
- 28th School closes for half term