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Dear Parents

### Pancake Race

Apologies that a race seemed to be missing from the list on the last newsletter. We would like to congratulate Tom Stewart and Aidan Joubert for coming first and second in one of the races at the village event. Well done!

### Reception Biscuit Sale

Congratulations to the children and staff of our Reception Class for baking the delicious biscuits for the Heart FM charity 'Have a Heart' and a big thank you to the parents for buying them, helping to raise a fantastic £104 for the charity.

### World Book Day

We hope you all have your costumes ready for Thursday 7th. We will hopefully have a wonderful array of characters walking through the gates next Thursday morning. Unfortunately the bookfair will not be in school until the end of March but we will keep you informed.

### Reception Parents

On March 6th at 7pm, Mrs Moore will be leading a literacy curriculum evening for any interested Reception parents. Information will be shared about the current teaching methods and strategies used in school during the teaching of reading, writing and phonics and will provide you with practical support for how you can help your child at home. Do you feel confident in knowing how to teach your child to hold a pencil correctly, to form cursive letters, to encourage strategies for reading unfamiliar words, to say the phonemes correctly when reading with your child, etc, etc? Parents are always keen to help their children but are sometimes unsure of how to. Come along and let us help. Further information will be provided in book bags during the first week back after half term.



## **Year 1 Mothers' Day Assembly**

We are inviting all year 1 parents to attend a special assembly that the year 1 children have compiled to celebrate Mothers' Day. The assembly will take place at 9.20 am on Friday 8th March. We apologise for the short notice on this occasion but hope you are able to make it.

## **Comic Relief - Friday 15th March**

Well, it's definitely a busy month for dressing up. Remember to come to school in a choice of red clothes, pyjamas or super hero costumes for a donation of £1. We are also asking families to make or buy cakes to bring in to school which will then be on sale to the children at playtime for 20p each which can be brought in to school in a named purse, wallet or envelope on the morning. Any remaining cakes will be sold at the end of the school day.

## **TRISPTA**

A nearly new uniform sale will take place in the school library before and after school on Wednesday 6th March. Come and have a look and save yourself a fortune. Everything is available at very reasonable prices.

On Thursday 28th March the egg hunt and bonnet parade will take place in school with delicious cakes and drinks on sale by the PTA. Please come along at any time from 9-11 am. Each class will take turns doing the hunt - RECEPTION: 9.15am, YEAR 1: 9.35am, YEAR 2: 10am. We hope your Easter bonnet preparations are well under way as bonnets will be paraded and judged after the egg hunt event. Toddler bonnet parade and judging will take place after this. We look forward to seeing you there.

Donations to the cake stall would be gratefully received and need to be delivered to the hall first thing Thursday morning. Many thanks in anticipation.

## **Head lice**

Please can we ask all parents to check their child's hair for head lice as we have had a few cases reported throughout the school over the last few weeks. If you do find eggs in the hair please use the special treatments available from all supermarkets and chemists. We have also been informed metal combs are available, called 'Nitty Gritty' which cost around £6 but are very effective and last a lifetime.

## **Workers of the Week**

Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week and last are:

2M - Malissa Buajeeb for always working hard in Maths

1W - Kacey Elson for trying hard with her reading

1S - Joshua Harrington for a super story

Keep up the super work children!

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

Co-Headteachers

