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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'  
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Dear Parents

### Parent Lunches

Mrs Lawrie's class were the final class to have a relative visiting for lunch today. We would like to thank Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gould for enabling these lunches to happen as we know the children have certainly enjoyed it. We have also had very positive feedback from many parents commenting on how lovely it has been to spend time with their child in the school setting like this. It would be nice to think Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gould could now have a well earned rest but they still have the Father's Day themed lunch and new intake lunches to go yet! Keep up the good work ladies.

### Walk to School Week

Well done to all of the families who walked for all or part of their journeys to and from school this week. The children who took part will have a badge and a certificate in recognition of their efforts and to say thank you for supporting the scheme.

### Recycled Planters or Miniature Gardens

Every year we invite and encourage the children to plant up 'something' for our recycled planters' competition. These can literally be made from anything. In the past we have had empty tins, socks, skateboards, sinks and even an old bicycle! Anything at all will do - just add some soil and pop in a few summer bedding plants. Get your thinking caps on over the Half term holiday and we will ask for them to be brought to school by Monday 17th June, where they will be arranged on the top playground. Please ensure your child's name and class are securely attached to the planters. You may even wish to give your planter a funny title! The theme for these planters or miniature gardens this year is 'Space, Aliens - Out of This World'. Some of the entries will then be chosen to represent the school at the Garden Olympics.

### Class Photos



These will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 5th June.

### **Reception Father's Day Assembly**

With the year 1 Mother's Day assembly being such a success, we really didn't feel that we could leave the Fathers out. Therefore Reception Dad's are invited to a special assembly on Friday 14th June at 9.20am. (Other relatives are also very welcome to accompany Dad or to come instead of Dad if he can't attend). We envisage the assembly lasting about 20 - 30 minutes and hope to see as many Reception parents as possible.

### **Flora Tubs 4 Tablets**

If any parents, friends or family shop at Tesco, we are now collecting the Flora Tubs 4 Tablets tokens inside special packs of Flora Original and Flora Light 500g, available in stores from 24th June. We need lots of these tokens to enable us to claim an ASUS Tablet for the children to use in school. We encourage you to 'spread the word' and look out for these tokens in special packs. Many thanks.

### **Lunchtime Sandwich Boxes**

The lunchtime supervisors have noticed that lately there seem to be a quite a few children bringing sweets in their sandwich boxes. We ask parents to supply a healthy option choice for their children's lunch please and not include sweets.

### **La Jolie Ronde French Lessons**

If your child is still interested in taking French lessons with Mrs Kingston after the half term, it is not too late. Please email: [sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 07780 635926 for further information.

### **St, James' Church**

You are invited to a warm, welcoming, worship at St. James' church on Saturday 18th May from 4.30pm - 6.00pm. For further information please contact Rev. Andrew Ridley on telephone: 01283 712359 or email : [arceridley@btinternet.com](mailto:arceridley@btinternet.com) or see leaflet in tonight's book bag.

### **Workers of the Week**

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

2K - Freya Greenwood for use of scientific terms

2M - Jessica Palin for super work on life cycles

1S - Katie Church for an excellent aboriginal story

RR - Joshua Wassell for super letter writing

RL - Lucy Farrell for being especially kind to her friend who was feeling sad

Keep up the super work children!

### **TRISPTA**

A whole week has now gone by since disco night. Great fun was had by just about all (adults included)! The children behaved impeccably and were a pleasure to have in school. Admittedly

it didn't seem to be the dancing which was the real draw, rather the spending of their own money on the various stalls! Towards the end though, as we closed the stalls, all of the children came together in the hall for a few final songs including, the finale of 'The Hokey Cokey'. We couldn't have done it without the parent helpers so thank you to all who volunteered. We managed to make a fabulous profit of £384.

### **PTA Sponsored Bike and Scooter Challenge - Friday 7th June.**

We are holding this popular event, which the children love to participate in, to raise funds to buy a number of iPads which will enhance the children's learning experience in the classroom. P.C.S.O Steve Smith will also be on hand to give the children valuable road safety tips!

The challenge will take place on Friday 7th June during school hours; it would be greatly appreciated if all forms are returned to school by Tuesday June 4th.

Two participating children from each class will be selected to receive a 'Print my Ride' plate for their scooter or bike.

The next cinema night is arranged for Friday 14th June. More information to follow soon. A reminder that there is a PTA meeting in the 3 Horseshoes pub on Monday evening, beginning at 7.30pm. This will be to finalise arrangements for the Summer Fayre and all are welcome.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

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