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End of Spring Term Updates

Dear families,

As the spring term comes to an end, with very few signs of spring weather, we wanted to express our gratitude for the continued support we receive from our families. This term has not been an easy one, but your wonderful children have continued to make us smile. Just like many of you, the staff have experienced a very emotional time and they are exhausted. Everyone is under strict instructions to rest over the Easter break and eat lots of chocolate - not that you get much chocolate in an Easter egg these days!

Over the last few weeks, we have seen lots of children take to the stage for their curriculum performances and exhibitions. We really value the opportunities we have to share your child's learning with you. Thank you to all parents and carers who took the opportunity to attend a parent's evening appointment. The children are very proud of their learning and like showing it off to everyone they can! Class teachers will now begin writing end of year reports in preparation for the summer term.

For those children entitled to benefit-related free school meals, vouchers will be issued for the Easter holiday period. You will receive £20 per child, and they can be accessed via a text that will be sent out tomorrow. If any of our families are struggling financially, we would urge you to contact the school as we do have some funding available to support our families in difficult circumstances.

After two full terms in school, we know that many children may now be on their second or third uniform; please remember that we have lots of preloved uniform available in school - just speak to a member of staff and we will do our best to find the right sizes for your child. We do expect our children to come to school in the appropriate school uniform every day. We also welcome any donations of school uniform. Also, whilst we are on the topic of school uniform, please do make sure that anything that your child wears to school or brings to school is clearly labelled with their name. We have a growing pile of lost property, and we are not able to reunite it with the owners as there are no name labels.

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly. We expect the children to be in school and on time every day unless they are not well enough to attend. A leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and then only for a period of less than five days. School will not consider a leave of absence request unless the correct form has been completed with at least 10 days' notice given. Exceptional circumstances are unavoidable, significant, and short. If you decide to go ahead with an unauthorised leave of absence, you could be fined.

Once again this is an urgent appeal to all our parents, carers and relatives who drive and park around the local area - please always consider the safety of other road users. As the driver, it is your responsibility to be aware of pedestrians. Please do not mount kerbs as this increases the dangers. If you witness any driving or parking that is likely to cause a danger to life, please report it to both the police and school. We would always encourage car users to park safely, even if this means walking a little further.

This afternoon, just as the rain decided to fall, our nursery, reception, year one and year two children made us all smile with their Easter bonnet parade. Thank you to all the parents and carers who stood out in the rain with us. Our older children created some fantastic egg scenes - they were very inventive, with lots of humour.

For some members of our community, the month of Ramadan has commenced. Some of our older children have been fasting and to support them, they are not expected to sit with their peers who are eating. During this time, they have been playing a variety of board games. Our six children are very engaged with the chess set and scrabble has also been a hit. If Eid falls on a day that the children are expected to be in school, you must complete a Leave of Absence form (available from Mrs Bird or the school office). We will authorise one day's leave of absence on the day of Eid.

The children will return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023. Wishing you all a lovely holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Grasby
Headteacher