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Dear Parent/Carer

Newsletter 10

The Easter holiday is fast approaching and hopefully after all the wintry weather we will all be able to enjoy the start of Spring!

The Wind in the Willows

We have all been entertained this week with a wonderful performance of 'The Wind in the Willows' by children from Key Stage 2. The children have worked extremely hard, giving up a huge amount of their free time to perfect their acting and singing! Well done to everyone! A huge thank you must go to Mrs Branscombe for all her hard work in producing the performance. Thank you to all the parents/carers for their kind donations - we raised a total of £191.35 which will go towards our interactive screens. Thank you to the Friends who organised the teas and coffees for the interval.

Visit from Justin Tomlinson MP

On Thursday 15th March, Justin Tomlinson visited school to talk to the school council about his role as a Member of Parliament. After a tour of the school, he commented on how impressed he was with the behaviour of the children throughout the school. The members of the School Council asked him lots of questions including what his thoughts were about the situation with Russia and the relationship between America and North Korea. More details and a letter from Justin are on the school website. Mr Ian Jankinson will be our next guest speaker talking about his role as a Parish Councillor.

Sport Relief

Yesterday, six children represented the school in a one mile run at the County Ground in aid of Sport Relief. They joined with 300 other pupils from across the borough and had a great time! This morning the children have been participating in several different sporting activities in aid of Sport Relief, including yoga, skipping and HIIT. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations - we will let you know how much we raised in the next newsletter.

Pastoral Care

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Loveday will be running the Pastoral Care sessions to start after Easter.

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Swimming money

Please ensure that swimming money is paid at least one week in advance of the swimming session.

Hair

May I remind parents/carers that their children's hairstyle is part of the school uniform. It clearly states in the school prospectus:

'Hairstyles form an integral part of the school dress code and should not be outside the norm. e.g. long hair should be tied back. No hair dyes, wax, gel or extreme cuts (following football styles) are allowed. Pupils should not have 'logos' or symbols cut into their hair, neither should hair be cut very short in a shaved style.'

We have a number of children attending school who are not adhering to the school policy. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and that hair is not cut short in a shaved style.

Choir

Thank you once again to Alison Porter, who organised the school choir to sing at the Mothering Sunday Service at St Leonard's. I have received several positive comments about the children and their singing, which is always pleasing to hear. The choir will be singing at our end of term service next Thursday.

Sing Up Day

The school celebrated National Sing Up Day on Wednesday 14th March. Each class or pair of classes sang a song for a special assembly. The choir also sang a song called 'Be the Change'. Thank you again to Mrs Porter for giving up her time to accompany the choir.

Lent Lunches

Well done to Class 5 who took up the invitation to enjoy Lent Lunches with members of the local community. Once again, I received many comments about the excellent behaviour of the children and how good they are at engaging with people outside of the school community.

Thank you

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the parents who came to help clear the snow and ice from the playground and the school car park on Monday. It enabled us to open safely and on time, with no disruption to the running of the school day. Thank you!

Thank you also to all the parents/carers who give up their time (often taking days off work) to come and help with our school trips. We can't run the trips without you!

We are extremely grateful to Intel who have kindly donated £200 to our interactive screen fund. Thank you to Mrs Lovell who made the initial contact.

End of term service

Our end of term service will take place on Thursday 29th March at 9.30am. All are welcome to join us to celebrate Easter.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills