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Dear Parents,

Governors' Easter Newsletter

"The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also." Harriet Ann Jacobs.

We all enjoyed that super snow over recent weeks (we did, didn't we?!), but now the buds, the tweets, the light and the warmth are here that will eventually lead to spring in all its bloomin' gloriousness.

And so with nature's blossoming in the air, I feel it's only appropriate that we start this vernal missive with a celebration of new life. Super congratulations to Katie Ashton (Sycamore PPA and one to one teacher) and her family - she gave birth to a lovely baby girl, Fern, earlier this month; we wish her marvelous good luck, health and happiness for the future.

Gamboling on through the comings-and-goings at the school this term, as if to anticipate the renewal that springtime heralds and the bursting into life we see all around us in our lovely little corner of Wiltshire our children have been full of creativity and imaginings of late. A very snowy World Book Day was cut short by the red weather warning of course, but thank you so much for your support in helping the children hatch their plans for so many fab costumes, which we're sure will provide them with inspiration and hunger for yet more reading and will have certainly spurred on our budding writers too. And, naturally, there were tons more outlets for our children's artistic sides on offer; Sycamore class contributed tunefully to the cluster singing event at The Corsham School and our Year 5s also visited to see a very entertaining production of Oliver!

These outings acted as an appropriate prelude to the school's hugely enjoyable participation in this year's Mid-Somerset Festival. On Primary Day, we entered four classes: we managed a super second place in the Bands & Orchestras class (for Year 6 and under); Beech matched that with a joint second in the Roundabout of Contrasting Moods class, while we finished a creditable 3rd in the Sacred or Secular Music section. In fact, our children and staff did so well that the Music Chair of the MSF awarded us a trophy - The Mary Whittle Cup - and £100 in prize money, as our school was considered to have made the greatest contribution to Primary Music Day, so a colossal bravissimo to all involved!

To add to our MSF success, congrats galore must go to Beech Class; their interpretation of Twelfth Night won the Scenes from Shakespeare section - and meant that we regained our trophy after winning two years ago! "#GetIn!" as the great bard himself might well have said.



Sport now; and the Healthy Me Day was a fantastic way to start the New Year and help the children put a focus on the importance of looking after themselves and feeling good both mentally and physically. This led on to another notable term of sporting and physical endeavour: Year 1 and 3 took part in our Walk Safe activities, our sides played well in the Corsham Cluster School Sports, the hockey team were awarded the fair play trophy and we gained a terrific runners-up spot in the aquathon. Very well-played to all who participated in, contributed to and enjoyed those events - and equally well done to those skiers, golfers, riders and tennis players who came in their super ace kits, garbs and get-ups on Sport Relief Day; once again thank you all for the time, energy and imagination.

On to a more serious topic, many of you will have been aware of the recent World Safer Internet Day and we thank those parents who came along to our online curriculum evening. It was a very useful and enlightening session on a subject that, of course, we should all try to be aware of and keep up with. If you missed it, please do ask for a copy of the literature that was given out on the night.

The recent Science Week was a great opportunity for the children to excite, explore and expand their minds. STEM scientist Duncan MacLean launched science week for us. During the week we had visits from the Technquest Dome and shows from the Explorer Dome, and Sycamore went to Bath University to the Bath Taps Into Science School Fair. Thank you also to the parents who came to work with classes and share and enthuse our children about science - a fab and fun focus on matters scientific to stimulate our kids' curious minds. And talking of whirring cogs and all that, we saw some exceedingly inventive contraptions created for the vicar's Easter Challenge earlier this week; it was great to see the children in inventive, problem-solving mode.

Out and about, our pupils have once again been lucky enough to have had some fantastic experiences away from the classroom. The winter residential Stackpole trip was as popular, fun and enjoyable as ever for our Year 6s. Oak's fertile minds were stirred on their day out to the SS Great Britain in Bristol - a brilliant bit of history with local connections to explore - while Chestnut and Sycamore got an insider's, behind-the-scenes experience during their recent visit the Palace of Westminster.

Finally, it was really pleasing to see so many of you pop in to meet the governors for a chat at the recent parents' evenings. As ever, the staff and governors are always keen to chat and discuss matters with parents, so please feel free to approach us direct at the school or via our phone/email - our contact details can always be found on the school's website. Okay, just time to say that we hope to see you at our Easter service at 10am on Thursday 29th March, and to wish you a happy, holy, relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. See you back in school on Tuesday 17th April.

"#GoEasyOnTheChoccies!" as the Easter Bunny almost certainly didn't say

With very best wishes

Stephen Clark

Parent Governor, on behalf of the Governing Body

