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Dear Parents & Carers,

3 February 2017

The children were proud to present a cheque for £450 to Margaret Hebblethwaite in assembly this morning. The funds will go to support the work of the Santa Maria Education fund in Paraguay which was set up by Margaret. She gave a lovely presentation in assembly about the community in Paraguay. The terrific total was collected through programme donations at our Christmas plays and carols – thank you for your generosity.

Bring & Buy donations needed

Donations are slowly coming in for next week's Bring and Buy sale. The children love the experience of 'going shopping' but the sale can't go ahead unless the children have items to buy so please have a sort-out over the weekend. We need clean, good-quality toys, games or books that you no longer need. Items appropriate for Year 2 are always sought after.

Save the date – Maths workshop and open classroom on Friday 24th February

We will hold a Maths workshop and open classroom for parents from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday 24th February from 9:10. Children will come to an assembly with me but parents will be invited into classes to learn about how Maths is taught. Parents have found past workshops informative as many teaching strategies have changed. After assembly, children will join parents to share their books. Our last open classroom proved popular and the children were very proud of their work. Please note that there will be no birthdays or certificates on that day.

Parking – thank you!

There were several complaints last week and I spoke to a couple of parents when on patrol on Friday. This week there has been an improvement and we even got a letter of thanks from a neighbour. Thank you very much for your support. If you see cars parking dangerously or without consideration, please report the permit number to the office.

Growth Mindset Talk

Keystone has organised a talk for parents on developing a growth mindset at Maltings Theatre on Tuesday 28 February from 19.30 – 21.15. Tickets £18.00. We are teaching the children to develop the resilience and confidence to become independent learners and this is an opportunity to understand more of thinking behind this approach. Feedback from previous talks has been positive so I hope to see you there.

Nursery 2017 Applications

Families with a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 can apply for a Nursery place for September 2017. The Hertfordshire Online system <http://www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions> opens on Monday 6 February and closes on Friday 17 March. Applicants must also complete our Supplementary Information Form and obtain a signed Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable). These can be downloaded from our website www.ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk or are available from the school office. Current proof of address and evidence of baptism are also required. You can view a list of dates and times for Nursery tours on the school website – please telephone us on 01727 854643 to book your appointment.

Sainsburys Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers again – please remember to send any you receive in to school.



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PTA News!!

Raffle Prizes - we are always on the look-out for them! If you have any good quality, but unwanted, Christmas presents for adults or children then please donate them to the PTA for future raffle prizes. Contact the PTA by email or bring labelled items to the school office.

Posters - we need volunteers from both schools (1 or 2 people) to put up and take down the posters that advertise PTA events. It is not a big or difficult task but it is an important way of letting people know what events are coming up and it is an easy way for you to get involved in PTA activities. If you can help please email ssaspta@gmail.com. Thank you.

DATE	PTA EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
Fri 24 th Feb	Popcorn Night – ‘Finding Dory’	Infant School (Infant pupils only)	After school (end TBC)
Fri 3 rd March	Junior Disco Tickets sold on the door.	Junior School (Junior pupils only)	6.30-8.30pm
Fri 24 th March	Mother’s Day Gifts	Both Schools	N/A
Sat 1 st April	The Ball by the Lake Tickets on Sale soon	St Michael’s Manor	From 6pm
Fri 7 th April	Easter Egg Hunt & Tea	Infant School (Infant pupils and siblings)	After school (early finish)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,



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