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Dear Parents & Carers,

2 April 2017

### **Mother's Day**

Thank you to all the helpers who stayed after drop off on Friday last week to prepare bunches of daffodils for Mother's Day. I hope that you enjoyed a lovely day - I was so relaxed last weekend, I forgot to send the newsletter so my apologies!

### **Winners this week**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our Maths competition, based on class numbers in the environment. There were some very imaginative entries and all the winning photos can be found on the school website. Well done to Asher, Clara, Lois, Louis, Rafi, Mia, Daisy, Maddy, Josie and Jack.

There were two PTA Lottery draws before assembly on Friday morning. Draw One: First prize – 50 Hines family; Second prize – 6 Aubert family; Third prize – 21 Bogle family. Draw Two: First prize – 24 Britton family; Second prize 62 Mills family; Third prize – 17 Bozier family. Congratulations to all our winners.

### **Thank you!**

We are blessed with such lovely families in this school and appreciate all your help and support. Thank you for all the donations of plants and decorations for our various Easter gardens. The Year 2 garden in main reception has been drawing admiring glances – many thanks to Mrs. Betteley for coming in to help year 2 pupils to build it. Our Book Week was really enhanced by visits from Mrs. Sparrow who told us all about how a book is made, from the first idea to the finished article. It was really fascinating and we are grateful for the books she has donated to school. I'm grateful to Mr Owens for bringing a really useful loan resource for Science to my attention on Friday. If your work or hobbies relate to topics in school or you are aware of any resources that we can use to enhance the curriculum, please do get in touch via email to the school office or catch me after Friday assembly.

### **Payments to school**

If you pay for Breakfast, Lunch or Badgers clubs by ParentMail or child voucher, please return the invoice indicating the payment method so we can keep track of your payments and avoid sending reminders for bills that have already been cleared. There is a time lapse, sometimes of several days, between payments made and notification to the school from ParentMail or voucher providers.

### **Fundraising for good causes**

On 23 April, May Harvey Keenan's mum, Fleur, will be running in the London marathon. She is raising money for the Carer Support Team on the Starfish Ward at Watford General Hospital. Martina (Emmet Kennedy's mum) volunteers with the CST and there is some information about the fantastic work they do on Fleur's JustGiving page. Some of our parents who have had children in hospital have testified how valuable the support of the CST has been in helping them to get through a stressful time. The CST is not a huge charity and they rely on donations to be able to continue. Please follow the link below to find out more about the team and to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Fleur-Harvey>



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The SAS Angels are dusting off their trainers and pink t-shirts to train for the 5K Race for Life again this year. The staff team raised £1500 for Cancer Research UK last year with your support. There will be more information in due course.

### Passport and nationality applications

Staff are often asked to sign passport applications. I ask teachers to refer such matters to me as follow up checks are becoming more frequent and require personal information from those signing the forms. When signing I have to confirm that I know the parent, not the child; if I have not known you personally for the necessary amount of time, please do not request a signature. There has been a marked increase in applications in recent months and with associated follow-up checks, it is taking a great deal of time. Although not enforced in recent years, school has for some time requested a £10 contribution for each passport application which was used to enhance resources in school. Please note that I intend to request such a donation from the beginning of the summer term 2017.

### PTA News

- **Easter Activity Afternoon** - Friday April 7th from 1.30pm.  
Join in the fun! Sign up to the Easter Trail by end of day **Thursday 6th April**. All Infant school children and their siblings (older and younger) are invited to join in. £3 per child - must register in advance.
- 'Jolly Jar' challenge - Cover a jam jar (or similar) so that the contents can't be seen then fill it with sweets, notebooks, small items, etc. Our challenge is to see which class can donate the most jars by Friday 7th April. These will then be sold at the Easter Activity afternoon. Please see the photo on the website for more information. Bring your jars into class any day next week.
- Bake something and bring in on Friday April 7th for the cake sale – please provide a list of ingredients on your cake and no items with nuts please.
- Email [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com) to help on the day: setting up from 12.30-1.20pm, shift 2 from 1.20-2pm or shift 3 from 2pm-2.45pm.

### PTA Printing - Help Needed

Although we try to send most things out electronically, occasionally we do need to print large numbers of copies of documents. We can use the facilities at the school for black and white copies but not colour. If you have access to colour printing and copying facilities through work and it would be acceptable to use them for PTA purposes once in a while, please could you email [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com)? We have a few Junior parents who have helped us out for many years but they will soon be leaving the school and we hope to fill this void if possible.

### End of term

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April is the last day for both nursery and Badgers after-school club. You are welcome to join us for our Easter liturgy next Friday morning at 9:10 when we will celebrate birthdays up to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. We break up next Friday at 1:20.

Kind regards



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