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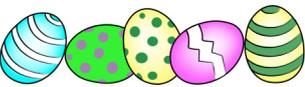
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Dear Parents/Carers

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you for persevering with us whilst sorting out the glitches for parents evening running over Microsoft Teams. This has been new for everyone and with all new systems, there are bound to be teething problems. I did check around the classrooms last Thursday and could hear really positive conversations taking place. Hopefully the meetings today will run just as smoothly. Please do contact your child's teacher if you have not yet managed to make an appointment.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



There is a special Easter menu on Thursday 1st April prepared by our kitchen team:

Battered Cod Or Cheese and Tomato French Bread Pizza Chips

Baked Beans or Peas & Tomato Ketchup

Chocolate Rice Krispy Nests with Chocolate Eggs

ASSEMBLIES—British values



It has been lovely to restart assemblies with each bubble this term. We are sharing what we know about 'British Values'. Last week we learned about 'Democracy'. We talked about elections, secret voting to ensure

fairness and how we need to accept the outcome of a vote even if we don't like what that outcome is. We thought about how we choose our School Council representatives and the children enjoyed the story about voting for the name of a class hamster.

This week I am discussing the value 'Rule of law'. We will be discussing why we have rules and laws, reminding children of our school rules and the reason behind them (to keep everyone in our school safe emotionally and physically). Our story is based on the use of the red flag on the beach and the dangers that can happen when we don't follow the rules. Please do talk to your child about these themes to see what they can remember and what they have understood.

READING



Over this last year, the staff team have had training to support us using 'Letters and Sounds' the programme we use to teach

phonics and early reading skills. We have reorganised all of our reading books and prioritised spending to purchase lots of new fully decodable reading books to help us support each child with learning how to read. Please can I ask that your child does not put their water bottle inside their book bag, as some of these brand new books have suffered water damage through leakages. As school budgets, like many services are really stretched, we won't have the capacity to replace these books and so really need your support on this matter.

Phonics The children are really making great progress with their phonics and it is a joy to see the excitement and sense of satisfaction on their faces when they realise they are reading a book. (It really does make our day!). Mr Cozens and Mrs Upham will be sending home more information to support you understanding our new reading system, so please do look out for this. Our aim is for each child to read their decodable book 3 times.

- Once to use sound talk to decode (identify each sound) the word
- A second time to read the book with fluency and accuracy.
- A third time to read with prosody (a change in the tone of their voice to add meaning to the story or show character voices).

SAVING OUR PLANET



A huge thank you to Jack G, Leo P, Maia and Rio from Sapphire class who made the decision to pick litter from the school grounds in a bid to look after our school and save the planet! They each collected some litter.

SWIMMING



We are awaiting confirmation from the government to check if indoor pools will definitely be open after the Easter break. As soon as we know, we will let you know which classes will go to the pool and when. We have all really missed seeing the surge in confidence that the children gain from their swimming lessons as well as their incredible skills and stamina. Fingers crossed we will return to Paulton Pool this year.

Our last school day this term is Thursday 1st April. I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and hope you get time to meet another household outside (in good weather fingers crossed) and I will see you all on Monday 19th April.)

Kind regards

Julie Hogan

