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Dear Parents / Carers

Educational Visits

It has been another busy couple of weeks at school with lots of exciting events and activities to celebrate!

On Tuesday 11th March Key Stage Two children visited Hampton Court to enrich their learning linked to The Tudors; the children had a wonderful time visiting the home once inhabited by Henry VIII. William commented "It's a brilliant place to go even if you are not learning about the Tudors; the murals and art work decorating the ceilings and walls are amazing".

On Thursday 13th March the children in Reception and Key Stage One were visited by the Toy Museum; the children were able to hold and learn all about old toys; thinking about the materials they were made from and mechanisms that enabled them to work. They could clearly see the differences between these toys and their own today.

Sport

On Wednesday a team of children from Year Five and Six competed in a quick cricket tournament against children from Manor, Laughton and Wallands Primary School. The team from Barcombe won the tournament and will now progress through to the next round; well done everyone!

Since the beginning of Term Four teachers at Barcombe have been working with sports coaches from Cumnor House to support and improve the provision of sport at school. Initially the coaches have been working with children in Years Four and Five; however the aim of the initiative is to continue to develop these links to enhance sporting provision throughout the school.

Children in Years Three, Four and Six will be receiving additional cricket coaching from Sussex County Cricket Board during Terms Four and Five. The children in Year Three are receiving Tennis coaching during Term Four and Five and the children in Year Four will be starting swimming lessons during Term Five.

Break Out Of Barcombe

The children from Hedgehogs Class enjoyed another visit to Wild About Barcombe on Friday 7th March; they enjoyed bringing their classroom learning to life in the natural wooded environment and built an obstacle course out of natural materials before challenging each other; racing around the course!

Today children in Squirrels Class are working with the allotment society, learning how to pot and prepare for spring planting. They will also be shown how to manage an area of ground identifying differences between weeds and wild flowers. They will also be cooking once again over an open fire!

School / Charity Events

On Friday 14th March Foxes Class took part in a sponsored event to raise money for their class charity, Shooting Star Chase. The event was organised by the Foxes Class parent representatives and was extremely well supported by family and friends. The Foxes Class raised over £300! Well done everybody!

Last Friday lots of parents and members of our local community enjoyed an evening of mind stretching quiz questions and great food at the 'Curry and Quiz Night'. The event was great fun and hopefully raised some money to help support new school initiatives! Thank you once again to the PTA for your continued support!

Today is Sports Relief! The children have spent the day competing in a 'Triathlon' at school; the event has been enjoyed by all the children and has raised money for the worthwhile Sports Relief good causes. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Coppard for organising the event and to parents who helped throughout the day.

Walking Back From Church

On Tuesday 1st April the children will be celebrating our Easter Service at St Mary's Church. The service will be starting at 9am; the children will walk back to school, weather permitting, after the service. Everyone is welcome to come and help us celebrate; the children will need to be dropped off at the church at 8.45am. A further letter will be sent out regarding this next week. If you are able to help chaperoning children back from church please speak to the class teachers or the parent representatives.

Writing Workshop

The rescheduled parent workshop focusing on demonstrating the schools approach to help improve writing will be taking place on Wednesday 2nd April from 4.30 – 5.15pm. Please come and see the new initiatives being adopted by school to improve the quality of the children's writing and ideas you can do at home to support your children.

Reading and Times Tables Support

School is currently having a focus on ensuring children are reading regularly and practising to learn their Times Tables. If you have some free time to come into school to hear children read or help test them on their times tables knowledge please speak to the class teachers or myself. I am very keen these important skills are practised regularly and are learnt to help support learning in the classroom.

Best Wishes

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