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Dear Parents,

No two weeks in school are ever the same, and this week has not been an exception!

We were asked by Christchurch University earlier in the year to consider hosting 15 of their student teachers for an afternoon so they could see outstanding phonics teaching. They asked our school because we have an excellent reputation of teaching phonics in Reception, Year one and two and our children attain far better than expected in phonics when they are tested by the Government in June when they are in year 1. We obviously want to help improve the practice of teachers of the future so agreed. The student teachers stayed for the whole afternoon and as they left filled an evaluation sheet about their time. They wrote comments such as:

- A very enjoyable visit - helpful to see examples of outstanding practice
- A highly valuable experience - great to see such well organised and efficient phonic lessons
- All the children in the school are sensible and polite - the school has a lovely atmosphere

It is always nice to be able to share such positive experiences with you.

Next week the children will be inviting you to their class assemblies. The assemblies will not be in the school hall this time, but in the classrooms (with the exception of Miss Costins class who will be in the school hall!!!) You are invited to arrive at 2:30pm. The children will share their work with you, and I am sure will be keen to perform poems / stories and all sorts of other things! At 2:50pm a bell will sound. At this point please leave the classroom and make your way outside to meet your children at 3pm. This means we can make sure all the children are safe, where they should be before home time. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

It is a busy weekend at school this weekend. On Saturday you are invited to our Family Easter Crafts morning. All activities will be free with the exception of a £5 charge for Amazing Glaze. On Sunday it is the Easter Egg Hunt. No tickets will be sold after 3:30pm on Friday.

Looking forwards to seeing you at one of the Easter events

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Diary Dates

March 31st - Year 3/ 4 class assemblies
April 1st - Corduroy, Paddington and Year 5 / 6 class assemblies
April 3rd - Year 1/ 2 class assemblies
April 4th - Last day of term
Tuesday 22nd April - Back to School!

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week.
Next week the kitchen will be serving from week 1
Menus are available on the school website

Buildings update

The exterior of the classrooms now have their blue panels and trim making them look really smart! Work continues inside the classrooms and we are told that the last of the scaffolding is due to be taken down any day now. The new fire doors in the hall are finally in working order – we hope that there will be no more leaks.

The builders were keeping their fingers crossed for rain last week so that they could make sure the roof was water tight – they certainly got their wish, and I am glad to report the roof is water tight
Mrs Hughes

Attendance of the week

Last week Minpins class had the best attendance of the week with 98.75%

Advance Warning:

There will be 2 Staff Training Days in June – June 2nd and June 24th

If you would like to book your son / daughter in to the After School Club for the day please contact them on 079 09 935 821.

Can you help?

Thank you for the offers of help that you have given us this week already – can anyone else help?

Next term, Year 5 and 6 will be thinking about their aspirations for the future and what sort of careers they might like to have. We are hoping to hold a careers afternoon where people can come in and talk to the classes about their jobs, what inspired them to choose this career, what skills they need to be able to do this career etc. If you think you might be able to spare some time one afternoon to talk to the children about your job please see one of the Year 5/6 teachers to give them your contact details. We will then get in touch once we have identified a suitable date.

Many Thanks. Miss Dawe, Miss Hanner and Miss Staggs

PTFA message -

Are you stuck for something to do this weekend???

On Saturday the school will be open from 10 -12noon for our annual Easter Family Crafts day. Mums / Dads / Nans / Granddad's can come along with children to make some Easter Crafts. All craft tables are free with the exception of Amazing Glaze who charge an amazing £5 for each item!

On Sunday we have our Easter Egg Hunt. Start Mothers Day with a great Easter Egg Hunt - fun for all the family. No tickets will be sold on the day, so hopefully you have yours already!

Easter Holiday Club

Do you want to use the After School Holiday Club for child care in the first week of the holidays? There are still a couple of places left. Call Aneeka on 079 09 935 821 if you would like to book a place!

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an exceptional circumstance please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website –
About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.

Every week – take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend, there seems to be an outbreak of headlice in school