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Dear Parents and Carers,

It really has been an amazingly busy term and I would like to thank all the staff here, our PTA committee and all our volunteers for going that **extra mile** to make the multiple experiences happen for our children. It really is a great team effort making sure we 'Strive to succeed'. However, our desire to keep the school moving forward is really being tested by our latest budget which once again does not cover all of our expenditure. After a couple of years of staff reductions, the impact of 'less' staff members is being felt by all; please do bear this in mind as 'doing more with less' is putting a strain on everyone! Thank you in advance for your support.

Parents' forum

We were delighted that a number of parents, although fewer than expected, voiced their opinions at our Parents' forum on Monday 19th March. Up for discussion was our potential use of CCTV cameras to help keep the buildings and site secure and also the handing out of sweets for children's birthdays. The safer internet discussion was postponed until the next meeting. Thank you to those who came. Discussions like these are helpful to the school when deciding future direction. The next meeting will be on **TUESDAY 1st MAY** from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

Sports Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts to raise funds for Sports Relief. We had a fun week including assemblies led by the Sports Ambassadors, circuit training, laps of the field and a danceathon! The good news is we raised **£150 – thank you!**

Also congratulations to all the half-marathon runners for completing the Reading half-marathon, including **Mrs Handley** who was running and collecting sponsorship for new reading books! Well done and thank you.

School Crossing Patrol

I would like to thank Mrs Julie Webb for taking over as the Crossing Patroller for that last 10 weeks or so whilst Mr Darling recovered from an operation. Mrs Webb's last day, for now, will be on Thursday but she is happy to help out whenever she can in the future. This is very much appreciated and hopefully means I won't need to stand-in again! The current sponsorship is stopping at the end of this month. I am delighted to be able to tell you that 'Sansome & George Estate agents' and 'Wilmotts' have agreed to continue their sponsorship. This is fantastic news and will keep the children and parents safe when crossing for a further 12 months. A big thank you to both companies!

New Sims Parent App

We have successfully piloted the new SIMS Parent App for West Berkshire which is now live and being rolled out to other schools. The App allows you to see and send us changes to the information we hold about your children on SIMS (School Information & Management system) ensuring that we have the most up-to-date details about you and your children.

For more information please see this link- <http://simspublications.com/355799/>

You will have received an e-mail from noreply@sims.co.uk inviting you to register so please register now.

Once registered you can sign in to SIMS Parent via the internet on <https://www.sims-parent.co.uk>

There are also **SIMS Parent** apps available from your app store for iOS and Android devices.

Other news in brief (more detail on Twitter)

February

- 22nd - Year 6 Football against Western House
- 23rd - Year 4 Tag rugby at Crosfields school
- 27th - Year 5 Food workshop with Harrisons
- 27th - Year 6 to Denefield to watch 'Grease'

March

- 1st - World Book day and optional dress-up day
- 7th - International Women's Day
- 7th - Year 2 Mother's Day Tea party
- 8th - Year 1 Mother's Day Tea Party
- 8th - PTA Mother's day shop -(during the morning and after school)
- 9th - 'Launchpad' Assembly
- 14th - Shakespeare week including 'no pen' day
- 14th - Y3/4 Girl's 5 a-side football at Trinity
- 19th - 23rd Sport Relief week!
- 20th - Rainbow class visit to River and Rowing museum, Henley
- 20th - KS1 Spring Hunt at Pikeslaw Woods
- 22nd - Super Learning Day at Denefield
- 23rd - PTA children's discos - FS & KS1 5.00-6.00pm, KS2 6.15- 7.45pm
- 24th - Year 6 Netball team at Park House for Primary School's tournament
- 27th - Year 4/5 'Fly to the line' school competition
- 27th - Rev Archer's Easter assembly
- 27th - Denefield Cross-country Tournament -
- 27th - Year 6 Netball Finals at Marlston House
- 28th - Y3/4 Girls' football Finals at Trinity school
- 28th - PTA Easter Egg hunt - 3.15-4.30pm
- 29th - Infants Easter Egg Hunt

Please remember:

School finishes for the Easter holidays on **THURSDAY 29th March at 1. 30pm**

School starts again for pupils on **TUESDAY 17th April**. Parents' meetings are on **MONDAY 16th April**.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and Governors, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter. See you in the Summer term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne,
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES 2017-18



Welcome time (3.15pm – 3.45pm)

- Summer Term – Thursday 7th June 2018

Parents' Meetings

- Spring Term – Monday 16th April 2018 (All day – please note this is an INSET day)

Parents' Forum

- Summer Term – Tuesday 1st May 2018 6.00pm-7.00pm,

'Class assembly' to Parents

- ~~Year 6 – w/b 21st May 2018 – Confirmed WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY 2.00pm~~ (This has been cancelled- more information to follow)
- Year 5 - w/b 9th July 2018 - Confirmed THURSDAY 12th JULY 2.00pm (NB: The last newsletter was incorrect!)

Scout, walk or ride week – 11th June 2018

Sports Day -Wednesday 27th June 2018, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Friday 29th June)

'Meet the teacher': all classes from Reception to Year 6 – Wednesday 20th June 2018 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Transition week/Class swap - week beginning 2nd July 2018 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school)

Leavers' Assembly (and party)- Thursday 19th July 2017 6.30pm

(For term dates please refer to your child's Reading diary).