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Thank you to everybody who attended parents meetings over the last few days we still have some meetings taking place next week but by next Friday all families should have had a chance to look at their child's books and discuss how they are doing. We are also giving out Snapshot reports these will give you a record of how your child is doing and their next set of targets. Previous reports are available online, log in details were given at our Autumn Term parents evening but if you have mislaid them please contact the office and we will give you another set. We will not send log in details home with your child as we need to ensure that the information is secure because of data protection. Coming to parents meetings is incredibly important because it gives you the most up to date information about your child's academic, social and emotional development and how you can support them. The time we invest into our children makes a huge difference in the progress they make. Homework in particular is one of the investments that can really count. It can be really difficult to find time to cram homework into the busy schedules that we all have, especially when you are battling with a child who is less than enthusiastic, but research has shown that children who regularly complete their homework make between 2 and 5 months more progress each year than those children who do not.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who took the extra time to complete the questionnaire about our Christmas Performances. As a Church school it is incredibly important for us to work closely with our parish and the wider community. Having your opinions helps us to make choices that prioritise the needs of the children whilst still taking into account the views of the wider family of the school.

Well done to all of the children who brought their Challenge Books into school. I was very impressed with how many children were working on achieving the targets. These awards are optional but they were devised by the teachers as a means of encouraging all of our pupils to become more independent and resilient; skills that are hugely important in helping children to be happy and successful. For those children who have been participating we have given out half way point stickers. At the end of the summer term we will present children with medals to acknowledge their achievements. Special congratulations go to Max Carter and Isabel Tregonning who have already achieved gold.

On Thursday afternoon children from the juniors took part in a music workshop led by the Music for Schools Foundation. This gave the children the opportunity to see and hear instruments that we don't currently teach in school such as brass instruments. On Monday 12th they will be coming back to school at 6pm. If you are considering letting your child learn to play a new instrument come along to this session with your child. They can try the instrument and you can find out more about signing them up for lessons. This is a different group to our current music providers and give us an exciting opportunity to offer a wider range of music tuition. Please see the attached letter that went out on Thursday for further details.



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On Thursday 29th March, which is the last day of term, we will be fundraising for Brain Tumour Research by celebrating Wear a Hat Day. We are going to hold an Easter Hat competition. All children who wish to enter can decorate a hat using an Easter theme - there will be prizes for the best hats. If your child does not wish to enter the competition they can still wear a hat of their choice and bring a donation more information will be sent out shortly.

Monday morning is our rescheduled Science stay and learn morning (my apologies for the date error in last weeks' newsletter) - we will be enjoying all sorts of exciting science opportunities on Monday 12th March. All parents, carers, friends and family are welcome please come and sign in at the office, we have assembly 9:10 - 9:30 and then sessions in class 9:30 - 10:30 and 10:45 - 11:30. Teas and coffees will be served in the hall during break time.

On Sunday 11th it is Mothering Sunday we are celebrating with a whole school family service. Please come along at 9:30 and join us in church, Mums especially as I believe we will have special gifts for them!



Weather permitting Smallwood Steps will take place on Monday.

PLEASE NOTE: MONDAY 19th MARCH

There will be NO Village Hall car parking after school drop off (9.30am)

There is a funeral wake taking place during the day, pick up will be staggered with Willow, Ash and Elm pupils with NO older siblings leaving at 2.55pm. Everyone else will leave as normal. Clubs will be running.

School Uniform—Footwear update

Now that Spring is starting to appear we expect to see children in black school uniform shoes.

Children should only be wearing boots when we have wintery weather.



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