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Dear Parents.

together

Beech Assembly was an explosion of creativity! We were treated to an amalgamation of Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs in a performance entitled 'Beech Class - The Musical'. Indeed, there were lots of songs, and dancing too and a rendition of Happy Talk with actions. There were break dancing and ballet demonstrations, lots of humour, some acting and more songs! The children in Beech class told me all about their favourite parts of the assembly and then wanted to perform it again! Well done to all the children in Beech Class and thank you to our Beech Class parents who came along to this special Beech Class assembly.

# School Allotment

Thank you to the PTFA and other parent volunteers who have carried out an extensive refurbishment of the school allotment, cleared lots of rubbish, rebuilt the raised beds, put more chippings on the pathways and prepared the ground for the sowing of seeds.

Next term, each class will be given seeds to sow and tend (taking photographs as the seeds grow) and then they will be planted at the allotment where a photographic record will be made of their progress. Many of the seeds will produce edible vegetables and we also have apple trees that crop really well. I can feel a few Head Teacher challenges brewing!











# PTFA school grounds and environmental garden clearance

Thank you to our lovely group of volunteers who worked very hard to clear up and organise the schools' environmental area. I am now arranging for the branches to be chipped and rubbish either recycled or disposed of. Mrs Rose has plans for a Forest School opportunity that can be shared across both schools and give children much needed access to 'green space'. I will attach photos as the work progresses.

## Congestion outside Poplar and Willow classrooms

Please can I ask that Poplar and Willow parents wait behind the hashed lines before the bell rings and that only children from Willow and Poplar class line up outside the windows of Poplar Class (not on the hashed area) Hopefully this arrangement will allow children to quickly access their classrooms and parents to access out of the playground over the hashed area. Staff have been asked to ensure that the doors open promptly at 8.55 when the bell rings.

#### Holiday dates

There is no school tomorrow (Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March) and the holiday extends until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. The first day back of the summer term is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Please be guided by the weather before you consider sending your child to school in summer uniform as it has been known to snow in April and similarly, we could have a heat wave! Therefore, over the holidays, it would be a good idea to check that all clothing, including hats, is

clearly named so that a warm hat or a sun hat is available when needed.



This holiday represents a special time of the year when growth and new life is visible and for those of you with a religious background; it is the time of Easter.

Whatever and however you are celebrating, may I wish you a very Happy Easter and whatever your religion or none, I am sure that there will be room for a chocolate egg or two!

I have no specific Head Teacher Challenge but would be pleased to see pictures, photographs or some writing about anything that your child and family have done over the Easter Holiday and I will do a special 'shout out' for anybody who spots me out and about.

Yours sincerely,

Head Teacher