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Dear Parents,

I have been met by ballerinas, football stars (many from our local Argyle team), keep fit specialists, Tae Kwando, skiers, a jockey, a snooker referee, cricketers, golfers and many of the staff have come as 'arm chair' sporting spectators! Within the classrooms the children have been involved in (Tom) Daley Challenges with different challenges each day repeated on three different occasions. Today an amazing sum of £257.50 has been raised and sent to Sport Relief. Well done to everybody and thank you. Special mention for Mrs Rose who has co-ordinated all our efforts and been a beacon of fitness herself wearing her athletic attire and motivating everybody to join in.

Next week we have lambs arriving by noon on Monday



All next week we will have 2 bottle-fed lambs in the main school hall. During the week, all the children will have the opportunity to get fully involved by observing the lambs and asking questions of Miss Strong, daughter of the farmer who owns the lambs and who is currently working in Holly Class. Rigorous Health and Safety Measures will be in place to protect the children and the lambs.









The children will also have a chance to see video of the farm, the lambing shed and a 2 second sequence of the birth of a lamb followed by lots of footage of the ewe licking the lamb clean. This will be an excellent opportunity for children to learn about the joys of spring, life on the farm, food and nutrition, safety, movement and the list goes on. We will be putting video footage on the school website and work that the children have achieved as a result of working with and learning about the lambs which will appear after Easter.

If you have any objection to your child not taking part in this experience, please communicate this in writing or email to the school on Monday morning so that we can make other arrangements. For your information, the lambs will go home with members of staff who will take care of them and return them to school the following day.

I am sure that this is going to be a most memorable time for the children and be something that they talk about for years to come.

Assemblies

Today we enjoyed a fantastic assembly from Poplar and last week some equally fantastic assemblies from Sycamore and Willow. Well done to all the children and thank you to the staff for their efforts and grateful thanks to our delightful parents and family members who came along and were really appreciative of their efforts.

We have a shortened week next week at school as we break for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29th March and return again on Tuesday 17th April. I do hope that you all have a lovely weekend and if you have time, please send in any pictures of 'signs of spring' or any of the Hyde Park Explorers activities.

Yours sincerely,

F.A. Hill

Head Teacher