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Dear Parents,

We are already into the new month of March and can look back on February that brought us snow, sunshine and heat with the latter part of February breaking records for high temperatures. Looking at the forecast, much more rain is predicted so please can I ask that children arrive at school with waterproof coats which are clearly named. The basement hall can be used for shelter at the beginning of the day but children need to stand next to their adult and not run around. For the Y1/Y2 bell at 8.55 (or preferably just before) can I ask that Y1/Y2 parents exit the basement hall with their child and go out into the playground so that the children can enter the doorway closest to their classroom. The exception to this is for Beech class who need to go straight from the basement hall into their own classroom and Beech parents need to leave the building. Arrangements for children from Early Years are slightly different and relate to the 9.00 bell. Parents with children in Early Years will receive a paper letter explaining the details.

Promoting Online Safety

Following several reports to teachers from children about things that they have seen online that worry them (**well done to the children for speaking out about online worries to a teacher**), I thought that the following reminder might be helpful:

If you allow your child to go online unsupervised (which is not recommended), please talk to your child again about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Encourage them to talk to you or a trusted adult about anything that they may have seen that makes them worried or upset.

Please set up safe practices for using sites, apps and games.

Please manage technology and use settings to block and report to keep your child and others safe online.

If you need further advice on keeping children safe online please call the free 02 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and as mentioned in a previous newsletter, children may come to school dressed as a favourite children's book character or may come in home clothes (mufti). Please remember to send your child to school with their favourite book (story, poetry or information book that is clearly named) We will be working closely with the Junior School and I am pleased to say that Junior children will be reading these books to our Infant children. For Foundation and Y1 children, the Junior children will come down and work with them in the classrooms and for the Y2 children, they will have the chance to meet their Junior child and then be read to in the Junior school. It is going to be a very exciting day! The children will come home on Thursday with a £1.00 book token that can be redeemed at bookshops.

Tuesday 5th March

Pancakes will be available for pudding on Tuesday 5th March as part of the school dinner menu. As usual, there will be the usual fruit and yoghurt options.

Red Nose Day

We will be participating in Red Nose Day by wearing as much red as possible. We encourage children to donate a 'golden coin' (£1.00 or £2.00) or whatever you can afford.

Spare clothing requests

Following accidents in school, children are changed into dry underwear and clothing but we have run out of some items! Unfortunately the 20 named pairs of new underwear (named with the word 'School' have not been washed and returned and neither have the other 40 sets of boys and girls underwear and pairs of socks etc. Therefore, could I please make a request for the following items:-

- Girls' and Boys' pants
- Socks and tights

Can I thank all the children who have sent in painted/coloured hands for the daffodil challenge. I have enough for 40 daffodils but could do with many more! Please send in 3 yellow or orange hands (named on the sheet but not the daffodil) so that this special daffodil challenge in association with our local OXFAM shop can be as successful as the snowflake challenge. As part of my Head Teacher's challenge this week, I will be pleased to receive the daffodils as detailed above or would like a photograph of a daffodil that you have spotted in your garden or out and about. Enjoy whatever sunshine is available this weekend as I understand that torrential rain is on its way!

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher



**Let's raise money for Comic Relief
- Friday 15th March 2019**

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In exchange for a Golden Coin (£1 or £2 or whatever you can afford) we would like to invite you to wear something red to school this could be one small item or your whole outfit!

Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England/Wales) SC039730 (Scotland)

