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Dear parents,

I hope everyone had a good half term break, despite the weather! We have had a busy start back to school.

We are really pleased to share the news that our Year 3 and 4 athletics team came 2nd overall in the COUNTY athletics finals, having already won in our local area and the whole of Luton. This was a fantastic achievement and is the first time we have ever qualified for this final!

Our proud team!



Our Year 2 children recently spent some time with Mark in a cookery workshop, making 'spaghetti worms' linked to their Roald Dahl topic.

Our Year 6 children spent a day at RAF Hendon, looking at the different types of aircraft used in the war and taking part in some workshops linked to World War 2. Today, we have been celebrating World Book Day – all classes have been studying a different picture book. Having spoken to some children they have really enjoyed the day.

Some our children tried their hand at climbing this week also and had a fantastic time at Climb Quest in Milton Keynes.



Covid regulations

As you are aware, Covid regulations have recently changed.

Please can I ask parents to ensure that if their child is ill, with Covid symptoms, that they still follow the guidance and book a test. Legally children / adults do not need to self-isolate if they test positive, but the guidance is still to 'stay at home and avoid contact with other people'. We would ask that children who test positive still stay at home, to avoid other children / staff becoming poorly.

As a school community, we have all worked really hard to stop Covid spreading and have done really well – I would ask that everyone continues to keep the children and staff safe by continuing to be cautious around this illness.

School uniform

We are conscious that children grow out of their school uniform very quickly. As a school, we work with Level Trust Uniform exchange - <https://www.leveltrust.org/projects/uniform-exchange/>. This is a service where parents can exchange old uniform when their child has outgrown it.

In addition, we would like to start a second hand school uniform facility. So if you have any uniform, which is in good condition, that you would be able to donate, please hand it to Naz, Family Worker. Once we have a number of pieces of uniform, we will let you know.

Comic Relief – 18th March

We will be fundraising, as always for Comic Relief this year.

Children may wear **non-school uniform** on Friday 18th March – for a £1 donation to the charity. The kitchen will be cooking a special Red Nose dinner – children can sign up and pay for this on the day.

In addition, we will be selling Red Noses for £1.50 each – we are still awaiting delivery of these and will text parents when they arrive!

Parents' Evenings

This term's Parents' Evenings will be on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March. A letter re: booking appointments will be sent out nearer the time.

INSET day

As a reminder, we have an INSET day on 1st April and so the school term ends on Thursday 31st March.

Yours sincerely,

