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Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, a very busy end to the Spring Term! In addition to end of term assessments, we have also had lots of Easter/Spring fun and activities! These have included our annual egg decorating competition and performances from Nursery and Reception children for their family members at a coffee afternoon. We also had two fantastic Class Assemblies yesterday where children showcased their learning this half term. Well done to Year 4 and Year 1!

More information about some of these events and other information are included below.

Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter holiday period.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lavelle and Mrs Wise, Head Teachers (Mrs Wise Mon – Tues/Mrs Lavelle Wed – Fri)

Annual Egg Decoration Competition

As always, we have been so impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm demonstrated in this Easter/Spring event! All children involved did such a good job and should be very proud. We gave out

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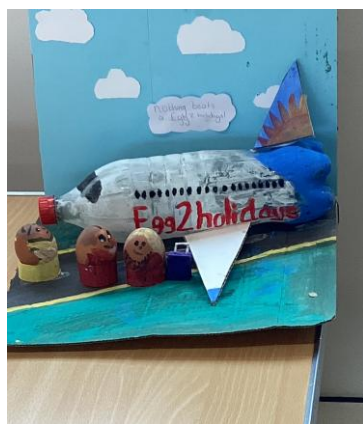
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20 eggs and chocolate bunnies as prizes in total as it was impossible to choose only one per class! Many thanks to parents/carers for your support with this.

 *The Rights of the Child, Article 31: Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities*



Mothers/Special Person Breakfasts

We had two fantastic Mothers' Day Breakfasts where mums, aunties, foster mums, grandmas etc joined us for breakfast in the hall for a special breakfast. Due to increased numbers year on year we now have to offer this on two separate days so we can fit everyone in the hall! This also meant there

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were shorter queues for drinks, toast etc and a more relaxed atmosphere. We had lots of positive feedback about this.

A big thank you to everyone who attended this and to our brilliant staff and governor helpers who made this such a successful event.

Year 3 News

Class Teacher Miss Stebbings is expecting a baby in the Summer and her class were very excited about this news! Miss Stebbings will teach her class as usual during the Summer term and we look forward to hearing about the new arrival.

Class Attendance



For March the overall attendance figure for the school was **96.6%** which is excellent and above the national average. Thank you so much for your support with school attendance.

Attendance in each class for March was as follows:

Mrs Spencer's Class: 93%

Mrs Downs' Class: 94.7%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 96.8%

Mrs Turner's Class: 97.9%

Mrs Baum's Class: 97.5%

Miss Stebbings Class: 97.9%

Mr Walsh's Class: 98.7%

Miss Allen's Class: 96%

Mr Storrar's Class: 95.5%

Mr Walsh's class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners this month. Well done!

 **unicef** *The Rights of the Child, Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.*

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Headlice

Head lice are very common in primary school-aged children and are nothing to be embarrassed about. They are tiny insects that live in the hair and spread through close head-to-head contact, not through lack of cleanliness. We kindly ask parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly and let school know if you find live lice so we can issue reminders to our school community about checking and treatment. Early detection and treatment help stop lice spreading and keep everyone comfortable and ready to learn.

This link gives information about checking and treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Fidget Toys/Resources

Could we ask that parents/carers do not send these in to school with their child unless this is with the prior agreement of the Class Teacher or Mrs Wise and is part of a pupil's support plan. We would particularly ask that fidget/sensory plastic or metal rings are not sent in as these can easily become stuck on children's fingers.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Parent/Carer Mobile Phones and Cameras in School

Many thanks to parents/carers for following our guidance about this at recent school events. Class Teachers will share photos from the Class Assemblies and EYFS Coffee Afternoon once they have double checked for Class Dojo Parent Permissions.

Dates for the Diary

20th April: Return to School

22nd April: Year 6 Residential Meeting at 4.30pm (letter to be sent out next week with more details)

28th April: Nursery and Reception Open Afternoon at 1.30pm.

4th May: School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday

11th May: Year 6 SATs week

20th May: Year 6 Residential

22nd May: Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.10am/Year 2 (Mrs Turner) Class Assembly at 2.30pm

22nd May: End of Half Term

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