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Dear Parents

A reminder – inset day Friday 7th April

A reminder the schools are closed for a staff inset day this week, Friday 7th April.

Easter activities

Thank you for supporting our Easter events for the children – as I write they are enjoying a wonderful day and fingers crossed the sun stays shining for the Easter Egg hunt this afternoon!

The Easter competition winners have had their prizes presented in assembly today and everyone else who entered has their chocolate gift. Certificates will be issued tomorrow. All the children who made an Easter hat will get their certificate tomorrow too.

Head of Federation interviews

The reason we have had our Easter activities today and not on the last day of term is that tomorrow, Thursday, interviews are being held for the Head of Federation post which will become vacant once I retire at the end of this term. The children have all been told in assembly today – our School Councils are very excited to be a part of the process! You will be informed of the outcome the first week back after the Easter holiday.

Thank you for your help and support

Happy School Bag – this was very successful and raised £163.00 for P.A.W.S.

Red Nose Day – we raised an amazing £386.80 for this worthwhile appeal

Before and after school clubs

I put this in a previous newsletter but it is still happening so I once again request that parents and/or children do not go down to the classrooms either when attending breakfast club or after school clubs including ISIS. The staff have a lot of work to do both before and after school and are sometimes in confidential meetings which can be very difficult if a child or adult appears to retrieve a forgotten item or ‘just to mention something’. Thank you for your co-operation. You can leave a note or monies in the drop box in either reception area – these are emptied daily.

Tablets

Thanks to your generosity in our drive to raise funds for technology, we have been able to buy four tablets for staff to use in their assessment work in Year R and six I-Pads for the children to use. Our aim is for a class set of I-pads to be available so we will continue fund raising and sending grant bids whenever we have the opportunity.

P.E.kits

Can I please remind you that it is your responsibility as a parent to ensure your child has his/her P.E. kit in school each week so that they can take part in the P.E. curriculum (Key Stages 1 and 2) and for Year R, the Physical Development aspect of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We have a number of children who repeatedly do not have the correct kit despite numerous reminders. Thank you.

Inset days 2017-2018

The following dates have been agreed as inset days for the next academic year:

- * Monday September 4th 2017
- * Tuesday September 5th 2017
- * Monday 30th October 2017
- * Thursday 4th January 2018
- * Monday 4th June 2018

Dates**Easter holiday:**

School finishes Thursday 6th April at the normal time and re-opens for the children on **Monday 24th April**

I wish you all a peaceful holiday from school and look forward to welcoming you all back for the summer term on Monday 24th April.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Federation

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