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Dear Parents,

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. Unfortunately I was out of school at the end of last week and unable to send it out.

It has been a very busy fortnight with lots of opportunities for parents to come into school and enjoy our lovely sharing assemblies. Thank you for making the time from your busy schedules to come and support these assemblies as the children thoroughly enjoy showing off all of their exciting learning with you. It also gives them excellent opportunities to practise their speaking skills in front of an audience—an important element of learning that must not be overlooked in our busy curriculum!

We know how important it is for the children and you, the parents, to share these opportunities to celebrate learning and so after Easter I would like to provide a regular chance for this to take place. Each week parents from a different class will be invited to join us for our regular Friday celebration assemblies which take place at 2:45pm. Please see the timetable below to find out when you are invited. We ask that parents do stick to the allocated dates, so that we can manage numbers successfully and we make it fair for all of our pupils.

Our Infants children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Tesco this week to look 'behind the scenes'. They were delighted to find out how bread was made, touch a 'real fish' and actually stand inside the freezer Brrrrr! Look out for photographs on the website.

Two teams of year 5/6 pupils represented the school at the Quick Stix Hockey tournament this week. Their team spirit was 'outstanding' apparently and all players thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the interschool competition, meeting many children from neighbouring schools.

The children and staff are organising an 'after school' event to raise money for our chosen charity 'Toilet Twinning' (please refer to previous parentmail for information) See end of this newsletter for more details of this event.

We wish 'Good Luck' and 'Farewell' to Mrs Gilbey, who is leaving at the end of this term to take up an exciting new opportunity that has arisen at another school. We will all miss her but wish her well on the next steps of her career.

Mrs Cowell will be working full time in Y5/6 after Easter for most of the half term and will accompany the children on their residential trip in June. We will of course keep you updated of any further teaching arrangements in the class.

I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing tea party with the following children in the last few weeks who have been noticed by teachers and myself for exceptional efforts with behaviour or learning:

Edward Thompson (Y5), Charlie Dodson (Y4), Tilly Morris (Y3), Luke Maxwell (Y2) and Elizabeth Carr (Y1).

With kind regards,

Mrs Katie Kendall, Headteacher



Fundraising for Toilet Twinning

As you will be aware from previous parentmail information, we are currently fundraising for this very worthwhile cause. As always we have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and energy shown by the children in coming up with possible ways to raise money.

They have decided upon running a few stalls which they will organise and set up.

These stalls will include a cake stall, second hand toys and some games.

You can support the children in this very good cause in several ways e.g. baking cakes, helping them sort through a few good quality toys/games no longer used or by simply coming along and spending money at the stalls. This event will take place on the school playground (weather permitting) on Wednesday 29th March.

Look out for any more information over the next few days!

Please do invite any community members along to support this event.

We look forward to seeing you!

For the communities in Africa, the money raised through Toilet Twinning (www.toilettwinning.org) enables them to have access to clean water, a proper toilet and information about basic hygiene and how to stay healthy. It also removes the risk of being attacked while using bushes and secluded spots away from their villages. Such safety is something that we take for granted, especially in a place where many of our homes have more than one toilet!

For the children of Dry Drayton school, Toilet Twinning will help them think about how important clean water is, and how they can help others who don't have such basic essentials. We hope that everyone will get on board, and help us "flush away poverty."

Revd Dr Beth Cope

Mother's Day Lunch

Thank you for returning your lunch orders for our special Mother's Day lunch this Friday 24th March.

We look forward to welcoming you all!



Please see below the timetable for parents to join us for the Friday Celebration assemblies.

The doors to the hall will be open from 2:40 pm each week.

Date	Class
Friday 21st April	Y5/6
Friday 28th April	Y3/4
Friday 5th May	Infants
Friday 12th May	Y5/6
Friday 19th May	Y3/4
Friday 26th May	Infants



Dates for the Diary

Spring/Summer Term 2017	
Thursday 30th March @2pm	Easter Service at Church—all community and families wel-
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term
Tuesday 18th April	INSET day—school closed
Wednesday 19th April	First day back for pupils
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Week beg. Monday 8th May	SATS week for Y6 pupils
Friday 26th May	Last day of half term