



### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Mary's Meals Backpacks

We collected a grand total of 51 back packs for the Mary's Meals charity, to assist children overseas with their schooling. Thank you to all families and staff for your kind contributions. Thank you to the Yr 5 Mini-Vinnies for promoting this Lenten charitable work.



#### Caritas Portsmouth-Dragon's Den Project

Two School Councillors and two House Captains took part in this Diocesan project last week. They pitched for funding for their Stirling Project and did a superb job! The Dragon's awarded £400 towards the project. This means that we can forge permanent links with the Stirlings Residential Home in Wantage, which will enable residents to visit our school to engage in a range of activities with many different children over the coming year. The funding will assist with transport for the residents. Some ideas were for children and the elderly to spend time together playing chess and board games; share a quiz; and do some art and craft activities such as sewing, painting.



#### School Disco

Thank you to the PTA for arranging the school Easter disco last night. Children had a wonderful time dancing and behaviour was excellent. In total the disco and raffle raised **£310** which will contribute towards the Science Dome in Term 6. Thank you for your participation.

**Easter Raffle was won by:** Maher, Smolka and Nicoll families

#### Food and Drink Policy

Governors and staff have reviewed our school Food and drink policy (attached) in response to government guidelines regarding children's intake of sugar, thus promoting healthy teeth and reducing obesity. Please note some key changes from term 5:

Please ensure that your child only brings fruit or vegetables for break time snacks

Please keep sweets, crisps and cakes to a minimum in lunch boxes.

Please do not send in sweets, crisps or cakes for your child's birthday.

Sweet treats will be minimal in school and kept to special occasions such as at Easter and Christmas.

**Attendance - 96.71%**

Whole school attendance has dropped slightly due to sickness but also to a growing number of unauthorised absences. If you do know that you are going on holiday, even for a day, you are required to make us aware of the absence and complete a form.

**Staff would like to wish you all a very joyful and holy Easter.**

Kind regards

Mrs Ellery



Thank you to the 52 members who have joined the 200 club this year. The monthly prize currently stands at £26.00.

It's not too late to join!

Winners are:

January	-	Francis family
February	-	Yang family
March	-	Miss Price
April	-	M Humphreys

