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Dear Parent,

Spring 1 included many wonderful and exciting events, one of these was our school's annual visit to Sheffield, to participate in 'Young Voices'. This involved us joining in with over 30 other schools and over 5000 school children to form an awe-inspiring choir which sang together to give one amazing performance.

We also held our inaugural Spelling Bee competition. Well done to Ciaran Matambanadzo, who, after excellent competition from many of our older children, came out on top to become our overall winner and our worthy spelling champion.

Year 3 had a fabulous visit during 'The Chocolate Story' experience in York. This linked in with their current topic on the Mayans, who are thought to be the first culture to cultivate and farm the cocoa bean.

Over the autumn term every classroom in school has had their class computer processor upgraded to increase its speed and improve the quality of graphics available to them. This has been carried out in conjunction with the installation of new C-Touch connectivity classroom boards, to support and further improve our children's learning experiences. Continuing the theme of Computing Technology, our Key Stage Two children worked with 'D:Side' in workshops, to develop their awareness and understanding for internet safety. In addition, Mr Edeson provided a whole school assembly on this important issue and will be providing a parent workshop on how to help ensure children are safe and well supported when using the internet at home.

Coming up we have many exciting events including: a cross-country running tournament at Bruntcliffe; our whole school World Book Day celebration (Friday 2nd March); a Year 4 Sleepover and the Year 3/4 performance that has a Western theme - 'Ye-ha!'

As we get towards the end of this term, school will be working together with Friends of Seven Hills (FOSH) to deliver our sponsored bounce. It will take place on Friday 23rd March with sponsorship forms brought home by children a couple of weeks prior to the event. The sponsored challenge will involve the children



continually jumping on a bouncy castle, situated in the hall, for one minute. The children may be sponsored for how many jumps that she/he performs in the minute or a total amount. The money that is collected will go towards purchasing a defibrillator for the whole school community, along with costs for any staff training that is necessary for its safe use.

On 14th March we will be holding our Parent Consultation Evening to inform you how your child is progressing this year, as well as ensuring that you are aware of your child's current attainment. The focus for the spring consultation questionnaire will be our children's lunchtime experience. Despite increasing financial constraints, we ensure that each year group has two lunchtime assistants to support them over lunchtimes and the school lunch is of the highest quality: sourced locally, cooked on the premises by our wonderful kitchen staff and ensuring that there are two roast options as well as pizza/fish Friday on a weekly basis. Your comments as to how we can continually improve are, as ever, extremely welcomed.

This term is a particularly important one in the children's learning and should be their most productive in ensuring the children attain their Age Related Expectations, for their current year group. Helping your child to know their weekly phonics or spellings, ensuring they are well-practiced with their current times-table focus and are heard read daily at home is most appreciated, and has a real impact when it comes to ensuring your child makes expected progress, or above, over this term and the year as a whole.

Your continued support with all aspects of school life is highly valued and most appreciated.

Kind regards,



Mr Catherall

