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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that so many of you came to support the children at the Celebration assemblies over the past two weeks. The children have been working really hard this term and have had much to celebrate; enjoying being able to showcase their skills and talents.

Last Friday saw everyone come together to raise money for Sports Relief. The children (and staff!) feasted on delicious and beautifully-decorated cakes and bought official Sports Relief wristbands. The culmination of the day was the joining of the whole school in walking, running or scooting a mile for the cause. EYFS scooted and walked around their playground and Years 1-6 followed a course around the school grounds for an hour. Many children and staff ran this with only brief breaks to re-hydrate, so I'm sure many of you had tired, achy children and perhaps even a lie in on the weekend! A superb effort was demonstrated by all involved and it was wonderful to see the whole school participate in this shared event.

Earlier in the term saw another big day in our school calendar: World Book Day. The myriad of costumes was fantastic as always and the staff decorated their classroom doors in the style of a favourite author. The children completed an exciting array of literature-based activities and enjoyed sharing their favourite stories.

Thank you to the Friends of Caddington Village School for organising the Mother's Day wrap. It was a shame that snow called off the discos but the children are waiting in anticipation for the re-scheduled date next half term.

We look forward to seeing you in the summer term. There is an INSET day on Monday 16th April. Reception – Year 6 children return on Tuesday 17th April and Nursery children return on Thursday 19th April. We hope that you have an enjoyable and restful Easter break

Laura Jackson

Acting Head of School

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The wider community has been busy again. Unfortunately due to the "Beast from the East" we had to postpone the discos at the beginning of March, though we can now look forward to these on April 27th. The Mother's Day wrap was as popular as ever and we really hope that you enjoyed your presents and were thoroughly spoilt on the day. Thank you to our faithful Friends of Caddington Village School and all those who helped out. To end this term, we were invited to take part in the laying of a memorial stone to John Collings-Wells, our local VC winner who died in WW1 - a real honour for those children who are attending the WW1 trip over the Easter holidays. Next term we look forward to the discos, the football tournament, Summer Fayre, our exchange visit with Germany as well as all the other activities we take part in at the end of the year.



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EYFS

This half-term we have been reading *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We wrote letters and made a non-fiction book about snails and whales. We have written speech bubbles and helped to rescue a whale that was stuck in the garden! In maths lessons, we found out how to add and subtract and record number sentences. We also found out about halving, sharing and doubling. In our Self lessons, we thought about being self-sufficient learners and to persevere when we find tasks difficult. In PE, we have been learning to throw and catch accurately with beanbags and balls.

The nursery children have been looking at letters and numbers in the environment. They noticed letters and numbers on number plates of cars, then made our own number plates. The children have been listening to Meg and Mog stories and listening out for alliterative phrases .

KS1

Year 1 have been making Chinese Dragon puppets continuing with their learning about China. They have built the Great Wall of China and had lots of fun pretending to be Mulan and defending China from the enemy.

In Maths, they have been practising their 2 times table and number bonds to 10. They have also been looking at capacity and comparing different containers.

On World Book Day we became an author and wrote a new version of a Mo Willems' book called 'Don't let the pigeon be the teacher!'

In Year 2, the children have continued to carry on working hard with their 'special' work which will be taking place during May. The children are receiving regular homework activities and spellings, please support them at home with these and read with them as much as you can. Our booster sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday are working well for the children identified and are boosting their confidence and knowledge.

As part of their Great Fire of London unit, the children have now made their Tudor homes using cardboard boxes and black sugar paper ready to burn down later in the term. This will help the children have a good understanding of how quickly the fire spread during the Great Fire of London and will lead to some interesting reports! We have also been looking at plants and what they need to survive and the different climates.

Next half term, please support your children in Maths by helping them with fractions. Ask the children to explain what $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ is by getting them to cut up cakes, pizzas or slices of toast! Please also continue with number bonds and practise their times tables.



SPORT RELIEF 2018

As always Sport Relief 2018 was a great whole school effort. The entire school was dressed in red or blue mufti to support the cause. This theme was carried on through the fabulous cake competition with many multi-coloured cakes being entered for the competition and lots of food colouring being consumed at the break time cake sale! Well done and thank you to all of you who baked and gave us cakes to sell at the ever-busy sale.

The afternoon saw every child (and some staff!) in the school walking, jogging or running laps of the school completing at least 1 mile. Many more miles were completed by the older pupils. Well done all, another great charity event!

ECO NEWS

The Eco Team met on to plan the application to Eco Schools for our Bronze award. They completed an audit and made plans to take part in the national 'What's Under your Feet?' campaign that is trying to work out why so many wild birds are under threat. Many scientists think that the number of insects is falling, so the Eco Team will be lifting a 30cm square of soil to record just how many worms, beetles, woodlice, centipedes etc. they can find. They will also be having a campaign about packaging as they noticed just how much packaging is in our waste bin.

KS2

It is hard to believe that Easter is almost here. KS2 have been fully involved in learning this half-term, starting with World Book Day with some great work being completed on various authors. Classroom doors looked amazing as staff decorated them with a World Book Day theme, to much excitement of the children.

In English this half term, Year 3 started with descriptive writing; using Disney's Sword in the Stone and Excalibur as the stimulus. We also wrote Kennings about Excalibur and the children made their own to quiz each other on a topic of their choosing. We chose this form of Poetry to write Kennings for our Mother's Day cards - we hope you liked them! After assessment week we studied explanation texts and cross curricular science writing took place to explain the life cycle of a flowering plant. We are currently learning about formal and informal letters.

Year 4 have been learning to write Kennings poems, persuasive articles and myths & legends in English. In Maths, we have been learning, among other things to represent and compare fractions as well as solving calculations involving money. In French, we learned about French snacks and drinks, and ordered food in French during a whole year French Café where we spent our Euros and ate some typical French snacks. We have been learning to use cross and running stitches in DT, in order to make a Viking flag. We are looking forward to next term, when our German visitors will be arriving.

Year 5 have continued working really hard in Science, learning lots of new Science vocabulary such as filtering, evaporation, condensation and solutions. Using Bunsen burners, after working for our Bunsen burner licenses, we have carried out different experiments and tests, to find out about the properties of different materials.

Year 6 have started working on their Childnet Film Competition entries, working hard to produce a 60 second clip following the theme of respect on the Internet. Watch this space for an opportunity to see the results! Elsewhere, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard preparing for the upcoming SATs, and then counting down to May to our Kingswood trip and various rewards for all their hard work.

SPORTS FIXTURES AND NEWS

This term, Year 5 entered a football tournament, and, after scoring 6 goals and only conceding 1, they went on to win the final 3 - 0. Year 6 entered the same tournament, they scored 7 goals and also only conceded 1. They also got through to the final and managed to win 4 - 0. Well done to all those in both Years 5 and 6 who played and came back to School as winners!

ATTENDANCE

Every school, by law, has to register pupils twice a day; first thing in the morning at the start of the school day, and again in the afternoon session. Please see your child's pupil planner for the times of the school day. If a pupil fails to attend or arrives late, this will be marked as an absence for that session. Only the school can approve reasons for absence. Please note that any absence from school, including any authorised absence, is still classed as absence. Therefore your child would not achieve 100% attendance at the end of the year if either morning or afternoon registration was missed for any reason. For further information regarding attendance and punctuality please visit our school website and click on the 'Practical Information' section. You can also learn more from our Local Authority Access and Inclusion team at <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school/pupil-support/attendance/access-inclusion.aspx>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 29.03.18 | Last Day of Term |
| 09.04.18-13.04.18 | WW1 Trip |
| 30.03.18-13.04.18 | Easter Holiday |
| 16.04.18 | Inset Day |
| 17.04.18 | Children Return to School |
| 17.04.18 | Nursery Home Visits |
| 18.04.18 | Nursery Home Visits |
| 19.04.18 | Nursery Children Return |
| 07.05.18 | Bank Holiday |
| 07.05.18-11.05.18 | KS1 SATS Week |
| 14.05.18-18.05.18 | KS2 SATS Week |
| 25.05.18 | Last Day Of Term |
| 28.05.18-01.06.18 | Half Term Whitsun Week |
| 04.06.18 | Inset Day |
| 05.06.18 | Children Return to School |