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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good half term break, despite the weather.

At the beginning of Lent, before half term, we reminded the children about this important time in the Christian calendar, when people may give up something or decide to 'give back' in some way by doing kind deeds and thinking of others. It has been lovely to hear the things that the children have been determined to give up or the things they have made an effort to improve in order to help others. Our Forty Acts of Kindness have given us ways in which we can be helpful in school and at home.

Our Christian value for this term is Forgiveness and Rev'd Dawn talked to us on Thursday about what the Bible says about forgiving people.

#### **Staffing Update**

At the end of half term we said goodbye to Mrs Billett (our SENCO) who is going to work in a school nearer to her home and this week we had to say goodbye to two more members of staff; we will certainly miss Mrs Camp and Ashleen Prior and wish them well in their new adventures. Mrs Ansell will be our new SENCO.

#### **School Events**

A ParentMail was sent this week with information about the Mother's day service in church next week and World Book Day. Just to remind you, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, instead of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> as we will be in church on that day. The National Literacy Trust's theme is based around their big 'Footy and Booky' quiz so, at Sheering school, we have invited the children to dress in football gear or as a book character! Hopefully, we can still access the big quiz on the Friday.

My apologies to those who have thought communication has been an issue recently. We always try to make sure that information is sent out in a timely manner, but this is a particularly challenging time with staff sickness and staff leaving which means that I am covering in classes more. It does upset me to know when things are not running as we would have liked but as my health improves and the staffing situation settles, this should not be an issue.

Thank you for your patience.

#### **Happy Book**

In the Happy Book this week; Aviana thanked Olivia for making her day lovely!; Ela, Lia, Mae and Aviana thanked Harper for letting them do gymnastics with them; I thanked my reading group for their TERRIFIC listening skills, their exciting word choices and good behaviour and I thanked my Team Leaders and their deputies for their help and organisational skills on Wednesday; Catherine thanked Jessica, Laura and Phoebe for always helping her to be herself and to not hide her 'wacky-ness!'; Thea's Mummy and Daddy thanked her for being helpful at home, especially when her little sister was unwell and we all wanted to say a big thank you to the PTFA members who organised and helped at the sponsored bounce event yesterday.

#### **Achievements from Home and School**

**Home:** Tilly was really proud of her first award for horse-riding and Patrick was presented with 2 badges at cubs for road safety and disability awareness.

**School:** Maisie was presented with her **Bronze Athletics Award**; Charlie, Olivia and Thea were presented with their **Silver Athletics awards**; Patrick, Alfie, Laura, Noah, Sonny, George, Mya and Leo **Platinum Athletics awards** and Alfie, Noah, Sonny, George and Mya were presented with our very first **Emerald Athletics Awards**. Our class **Spelling Shed Superstar** is Quickbury class with 48,831,064 points and our **Top 20 Super Spellers** are Amalie, Poppy, Mya, Jessica, Isabelle, Lilly-Mai, Harry, Max, Edith, Leo, Charlie, Laura, Macy, Esmee, Lola, Harry, Amelie, Danielle, Ray and Patrick.

#### **Birthdays**

This morning we sang the birthday song to Ronnie and Elsie.

#### **Letters/Parentmail Home:**

Mother's Day Service

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World Book Day

**Dates**

***Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.***

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** Mother's Day service in church

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day-'Footy or Booky' theme

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Mother's Day PTFA shop

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent consultations 3:30-6:00

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent consultations 3:30-6:00

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Lorna Brittain  
Headteacher