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Dear Families,

I can't believe it's only one week until we break up for the Easter holidays and then we will be two thirds of the way through our first academic year together! Every week I marvel at how much we have achieved and how well the children are doing. They are already showing signs that they are ready for Year One. They have all made such incredible progress from their starting points and we continue to celebrate their success every day.

Ballet taster lesson: On Tuesday, we were lucky to have a taster lesson from a local dance teacher called Georgia who has recently opened her own Dance School called Georgia Gough School of Dance. After Easter, she will be operating her Dance School out of our school hall and providing after school classes open to all children, please see the leaflet enclosed. As you know, ballet is not just for girls and many of our boys loved the taster session and concentrated really hard in order to do some of the positions and got a lot out of it. More details of class times and prices will follow next week.

Georgia is also holding adult classes too in the evenings, please see her Facebook page for details. I am busy trying to convince Mrs Dennis that it would be very good for us to do the Zumba Class on a Tuesday so we might see some of you there!

Thank yous: Many thanks to Bess' Aunt Sue who came in to talk to the children about her job as a nurse. Many of you were a little bit concerned when your child came out of school with a sling on their arms, bandages around their legs and covered in plasters! Needless to say, they had a great time and really got to understand some of the duties of a nurse. If you have a relative that can come in and talk about their job that helps people, or indeed, if you can talk about your job, it's not too late to let us know and this can be arranged for after Easter if needed. Also, many thanks to Mrs Brickley who helped me put together a PE equipment order this week. We have the basics but need Gymnastics equipment and some other large pieces and of course the all important Sports Day resources including 1st, 2nd and 3rd place stickers and that's just for the parents race! As a PE teacher, Mrs Brickley has also offered to come and do some Gymnastics lessons for us once the equipment arrives.

Trip to The Adventure Farm: On Tuesday, we have our trip to The Adventure Farm. Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw visited yesterday to make sure everything is ready and to complete any risk assessments needed. Mr Parker, Miss Shakir and myself will be joining them as well. We're all really looking forward to it and know it will be a superb trip! Many thanks. Don't forget the children can wear their own clothes and sensible footwear as long as they are in their school jumper or cardigan so that they can be easily identified if there are other school groups there. Please keep an eye on the weather and if the forecast is as cold as it has been recently, do send your child with a warm coat, hat and gloves, since we will be outdoors for much of the day. They also need a water bottle but no bags as we will take their water bottles in a box with us and all

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the lunches. Check us out on Twitter as we will post pictures later on that day so that you can see all the fun we had!

Easter Bonnet Parade: We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Easter Bonnet Parade on the **11th April at 2:30pm**. We have been hearing all about the bonnets that have been made at home - they are sounding fabulous and even ones that are being up-cycled - music to Mr Parker and our Eco Committee's ears! If you need any help with the bonnet or would like us to do it in school with your child, please do let us know so we can ensure every child has a bonnet for the parade. Please bring bonnets in on Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Toys and lip balms: Please can toys only be brought in on a Friday so they can be shared during Show & Tell? It is distracting during lessons for the children to have these items. Also, we are getting an increasing amount of lip balms/glosses being brought into school. Lip balms should only be brought into school if your child's lips are dry or chapped not as a regular daily practice. Again, they can become distracting for the children during lessons as they are often reapplying, playing with them or sharing each others which I'm sure you will agree is unhygienic. Lip glosses are not allowed as this is considered a make-up item. Many thanks in advance for your support in this matter, it helps greatly if we all work together on these issues.

Harrier Award: This week's Harrier Award goes to Lukas who has been working so hard on his listening skills. He has shown great resilience in always trying to follow adult instructions and directions and as a result his learning has been great! Well done Lukas, we are all super proud of you!

Car Parking - As you have probably realised, the gates are not yet automated. This is now expected next week. We will send a text the day before the gates are due to be operational. The children are very welcome to ride on scooters up to school from the car or if they walk to school they might like to start scootering up and they can be stored in our bike rack at the end of the building. This is currently sectioned off but will be open once the gates are in action.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins



The children enjoying a ballet class with Georgia.

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