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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

As many of you are aware, last Saturday was the PTA annual ball. The event at the Odney Club which was extremely well attended, successfully raised a considerable amount of money for our latest school project. Thank you for your support and generosity in making this possible. The ball has been many months in the planning so my thanks go particularly to Mark Mason for steering the project so expertly and the team, including Kate Winrow-Davies and Renee Harris, for working tirelessly with Mark to turn vision into reality. Both Richard Parker and Dave Ramsey did a fine job leading the auction and with the venue looking spectacular, I would like to thank the working party who spent a considerable amount of time dressing the space. My only hope is that you enjoyed it as much as I did. The next PTA event is on Friday 29th March when the children are invited to a 'Popcorn and Pyjama Party' after school in the hall. Please see Kristina Smith and the committee for tickets.

The week has been busy with the football, rugby and netball team in action. On Tuesday our footballers travelled away to play St Edmund Campion School and Cookham Rise. Both games were tough but they left having secured a win against the Rise 1-0 with a goal scored by Morgen Wynn-Jones. Unfortunately they were beaten in their other game but they left feeling they had done themselves proud. Woodley was the venue for the rugby tournament which saw the Year 5 girls' team experience match play for the first time. Used to the demands of coming up against different opponents, our girls' A team smashed their rivals winning the tournament and taking away the title of Girls Six Nation Champions. On Thursday our netball team beat St Mary's 7-1 giving them a fourth consecutive win! All in all it has been a triumphant week on the sport's front.

The start of the week saw Year 6 travel to the Sky Academy in London. While there they had the opportunity to tour the studios and film their own news report on the effect of plastics on the ocean. It provided an excellent learning opportunity.

I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see the children perform in the Year 4 assembly and Rock Steady concert this week. The next class assembly which Year 5 parents are invited to is on Wednesday (27th March) at 2:45pm in the school hall.

On Thursday we were joined by Explore Learning who came to tell the children about a national event they are driving called 'A Chance to Change the World'. The competition requires the pupils to write a 500 word story in which they incorporate their ideas on how they would change the world. In entering they are in with a chance of meeting head judge Alesha Dixon and winning a four day break for two adults and two children to Disneyland Paris. Over the Easter holiday your child's homework will be centered around this. They have until the first week back after the holiday (Friday 26th April) to submit their entry to their class teacher; this will allow us to pass their entry to Explore Learning when they return to school to collect them. Although your child has been given a writing sheet containing clear instructions on what to do, you might like to visit <https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/writersawards/> to find out more. The website allows you to submit their entry yourself but we are equally happy to pass them on to the team when they next come in.

A whole school photo along with class photos were taken on Tuesday. Information on how to order prints will be coming to you shortly.

Our school Eco-Council have a request. Today you will have received a collection box to fill with used batteries. Once full return it to school to win eco-points points for your child's class and wonderful prizes for our school. Thank you.

Finally if you missed a date for the diary last week you may like to note that on Saturday 30th March between 2pm and 4pm at Holy Trinity Church in the village dads and children are invited to attend a Mother's Day Posy Making Session. For more information refer to last week's email to see the attached flyer.

Anna Smith

MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

26 th Mar	Reception Parents "Tapestry" meeting at 2.45pm
27 th Mar	Year 5 Class Assembly
29 th Mar	KS1 & Foundation Mothers' Day Assembly
29 th Mar	PTA Popcorn & Pyjama Party
4 th Apr	Easter Church Service at 10:30am
4 th Apr	Music for Change concert at Holy Trinity Church at 6pm



Cygnets Class – Dylan Johnson – for always being a kind and caring member of the class

Swan Class – Haris Nazir – for always quietly working hard and being a helpful, thoughtful member of the class

Kingfisher Class – Molly Keegan – for her positivity and poise around the school

Gosling Class – Marcy Moorhouse – for beautiful presentation, excellent imagination and for working hard on her spellings in her written work

Teal Class – Poppy Gethin – for working so hard to produce outstanding handwriting

Cormorant Class – Tilda Forsyth – for outstanding effort in homework tasks as well as classroom activities

Moorhen Class – Sophia Harding – for her excellent attitude and outstanding progress in maths