

26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I wish to share my deep appreciation for all the excellent efforts our children have made this term to improve their learning. They are simply inspirational!

Well done to the PFTA for their efforts organising the **Easter Bingo** last Thursday. Plenty of fun was had by all and we raised money for the school. Well done. The PFTA continue their fundraising efforts this week offering children opportunities to acquire chocolate via a "**lucky dip**" at 20p a go, to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, during morning play.

You are invited to join us for our **Easter Service** at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 9.30 am. It will be an opportunity for all of us to recollect the events that makes Easter such a special time of year for Christians.

Afterwards you are welcome to attend the **Pamper Day offered** at Kent College by students as they will be sharing their budding skills and services to enhance your well-being. Please refer to below for further details.

The academy's **Fathers Football** team needs you! If you enjoy playing the great game let me know and I will forward your interest to the Coach - a great way to have fun and represent the school.

**Lost property** has accumulated in all areas throughout the school. If your child is missing any articles of school uniform or equipment, then please have a browse. Please note that any unnamed and unclaimed clothing will be disposed of over the Easter holidays.

As you may know we strongly discourage pupils from bringing **mobile phones** into school, but if necessary they must be turned in at the school office at the beginning of the day, and can be collected before departing at the end of the day. However, governors and staff are greatly concerned about the amount of

time pupils may be utilising mobile phones or technology to access **social media**. The pitfalls when accessing sites on line can be alarming! I hope you share our view that over exposure to social media is a major concern and thus needs close monitoring by us all. At the very least please ensure that your child "switches off" these devices at a reasonable time so that it does not adversely affect their sleep, wellbeing and education at school the following day. An 8.00 pm curfew on usage is likely to be beneficial for all.

We finish the term on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Children depart at the earlier time of 1.30 pm. Children return to school to begin term 5 on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a great break in the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Kreiselmeier  
Head Teacher