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Dear Parents/Carers

Third Spring Term Update 2022

Day for Ukraine

On Wednesday 16th March children are invited to wear yellow and blue clothes to school for a £1 donation. We appreciate this event has been arranged very close to Red Nose Day, but would like to take part along with other schools nationally.

Praise and Play

Tomorrow, Wednesday 16th March all pre-school aged children and their families are welcome to attend the Praise and Play sessions in church at 10am. The session includes interactive child centred worship, craft play and biscuits.

Red Nose Day, Comic Relief

This Friday 18th March children are invited to wear non-uniform to raise money for Comic Relief. We would also be very grateful of any cake donations which could be sent into school. To keep things simple, we are asking for a £1.50 donation per child which will include a cake. Hopefully, you will all have received the text message we sent out last week in preparation for this fund raiser. Thank you for your support.

World Down Syndrome Day

We would like to recognise World Down Syndrome Day next Monday 21st March by inviting children to wear bright, colourful odd socks with their school uniform.

School Council

Further School Council meetings have been held with Mr H Barnes to discuss road safety measures. This includes considerate parking outside of school around busy drop off and collection times. All children have been invited to design their own road safety posters as part of a competition. More information and ideas will be shared in each class and the winners announced before the Easter holidays.

<u>Eco School</u>

Our Eco School members have been busy litter picking and keeping the outdoor areas tidy. Updates have also been provided during assemblies. We are excited to learn that CJ Wildfood have kindly donated three large bird boxes to St Lucia's School. A huge thank you for their generosity!

Last week, a flyer was sent home informing parents of an Eco Schools raffle to help raise funds. A big thank you to Mrs A Smout for offering a free adult hair colour and cut and child's hair cut as the prizes. Please complete the raffle ticket slip. Tickets are available from Mrs Smout or the school office. The draw is on 31st March.

Shrewsbury Half-Marathon

This year, 15 children from St Lucia's have signed up for the Shrewsbury half marathon event. The long distance running practises are now underway during lunchtimes. Everyone involved has made a really great start so far! The runners recently received a colouring sheet of a trainer as a way to help keep them on track. We have also displayed an overall running chart in school. Good luck everyone!

Cash for Schools

For those of you who read the Shropshire Star local newspaper, or know of others who do, we are collecting the newspaper tokens until Friday 1st April. The five schools with the most tokens, could win a cash prize to support school projects. If you have any tokens, please place these in the purple tray in the school entrance area. Thank you.

Curriculum Support

Lego Workshop

As part of our learning about Castles, Class 2 took part in a Lego workshop yesterday. Thank you to all parents for your donations to help us cover these costs. The children had a wonderful time! We are hoping to arrange a similar workshop for the Reception and Nursery linked to a future topic in June.

Fire Safety Talk

Class 3 enjoyed a talk from Shropshire Fire Service last week. Reuben, the representative from the Fire Service taught the children about fire in the home and how to escape safely. Each child has a handout from the Fire Service. Please look at this information with your child and return the fire safety form to school.

Tag Rugby

Mr Edwards visited Class 4 yesterday to deliver Tag Rugby and will return on Friday for a second session.

Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs)-IMPORTANT DATES

This summer, children across the country will take their standardised assessments. Please be aware these assessment dates are set nationally and it is important that your child is in school during this time:

Key Stage 2 SATs - Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May Key Stage 1 SATs - Monday 16th May until Wednesday 18th May Year 1 Phonics screening check –Week commencing Tuesday 7th June Year 4 Multiplication Check- Week commencing Tuesday 7th June onwards

<u>Website</u>

Please see the revised website which is now fully up and running. We are trying to include more information to share with parents linked to learning updates and curriculum activities. This includes a 'Feel Good Fridays' section. Please see the class pages for more information.

Easter Holidays

The school finishes for the Easter holidays at the end of Friday 8th April with a return on Monday 25th April 2022.

Kind regards *S.L. Woolley* Mrs Sarah L. Woolley Headteacher