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As we rapidly approach the end of term 3, there are still lots of exciting events to look out for. Please take note of the cake sale and non-school uniform days taking place this week generating funds for charities identified by pupils. Children and staff have been working incredibly hard this term in preparation for three different shows at the Playhouse taking place early in term 4, Locking school pupils really are a very talented bunch!

A reminder please to phone in early if your child is going to be absent for school stating clearly the reason why. At this time of year we closely monitor any patterns in illness, reporting where necessary. Have a safe half term break. Joanne Jones



Radio 2 500 words

The world's biggest short story competition, organised by radio 2, has recently been launched. This closes on Thursday 22nd February. A link to the competition can be found on the website and class pages. Children have been reminded about this competition in Assembly. If your child would like to take part in this event and would like to start their stories at home Mrs Rowsell is very happy to proof read and support your child at school with their entries. Good luck.



Easter Parade Friday 23rd March

Our Easter Parade will take place on Wednesday 23rd March, weather permitting. We will leave school promptly at 1:30pm to parade around the park before returning to school to give out Easter prizes. Any donations of Easter eggs for the FOLs raffle would be very gratefully received. This year all children are invited to make either a hat or a mask which will be judged with prizes awarded during the afternoon. Please join us.



Car park

The car park will now be resurfaced during the longer Easter break as this will help to maintain the surface for a longer period. Muddy puddles appear to be the biggest problem at the moment, which will not drain as the drainage ditches are full. Please take extra care when walking across the car park. We have had concerned reports of parents strolling behind reversing coaches!



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet will take place nationwide on Tuesday 6th February. Following a questionnaire completed last week, your child will be learning about specific internet safety tailored to their needs. Please use this as an opportunity to talk to your child about their internet use, including when and where they use the internet. The new digital parenting magazine will be sent out soon, please look out for it.

A warning please if your child is using **Roblox**. The avatars are often inappropriate (dress code and actions), and there is a chat service attached. Please make sure that the chat facility is turned off and your child is comfortable in telling you if they see anything they don't like.

FOLs updates

Many thanks to everyone who supported our most recent film night. An amazing £410 profit was made which will be used directly to support your children's education.

Friday 23rd March Easter Parade. Details above

Friday 20th April Auction of Promises. Details to follow.

Friday 18th May Party in the Playground. Details to follow.

Lunchtime Supervisors wanted a reminder

We are looking for reliable staff to join our team of hardworking SMSAs as part of our bank of SMSAs or on a permanent basis. The role involves supporting children at lunchtime whilst eating and playing. Cover is needed on a daily basis, 11:50 – 1:05 paid at £9.50 per shift. Please contact the office for further details.



Wishing all the very best to Mrs Nolan and Miss Bramwell who will be travelling to Sri Lanka during the half term break to spend time working in our link school. Children in all classes have been discussing the importance of global goals as outlined by the British Council. The teachers will be taking this work with them, sharing with groups of children and staff at the Mahanaga Maha College. A lot of positive interest has been shown in our school link, as the only one to have maintained and continued to work together for 10 years. Later in the year we are looking forward to not only welcoming back representatives from the college, but also Education Ministers from different Sri Lankan provinces who are keen to work with us in supporting others in developing valuable school links.

Sri Lankan Visit



Many congratulations to our skiers who returned safely on the weekend following a very successful skiing trip. All pupils were amazing, mastering chair lifts, poles, snow ploughs and staying away from home for a whole week! Many thanks to Miss Hall who supported and inspired our young skiers this year. Look out for information which will be sent out soon regarding next year's ski trip.

Skiers return



OSPA Cape Verde

OSPA is a charity in Cape Verde that rescues sick and injured cats and dogs. A family from Locking is planning to spend some time there at the end of the month offering their services and taking some essential supplies. To raise money for this Sam will be holding a cake sale, instead of smoothie on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February. For a small donation your child could choose a healthy cake from Sam who will be taking over the Smoothie Bar. Any additional donations of cakes would be warmly welcomed. In addition, Sam's sister will be visiting a shanty town. She is really keen to take any donations of flannels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, new underwear etc. If you would like to make any donations please send to the school office by Friday 9th February. Thank you.



Make a Wish Foundation

On Friday 9th February for a small donation pupils are invited to wear non-school uniform. All monies raised will be going to the Make a Wish Foundation through Andrew Strickland, a parent at Locking School. He will be running the London Marathon this year in support of this fantastic charity. Mr Strickland will be joining the children in school to run a mile with them as he warms up for his marathon run. We wish him all the very best.

Friday 9 th February	Non school uniform. Donations to Make a Wish Foundation. Details above.
Friday 9 th February	Mrs Nolan and Miss Bramwell travel to Sri Lanka to visit our friends.
Friday 9 th February	End of Term 3
Monday 19 th February	Start of Term 4.
Parents evenings Monday 19 th March and Wednesday 21 st March.	Details to follow.
Friday 23 rd March	End of term 4
Monday 9 th April	Start of term 5
Wednesday 23 rd May	Sports day. (Reserve Sports Day Thursday 24 th May)
Friday 25 th May	End of term 5

