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Head Teacher's News

The bizarre nature of this term means that we now have under two weeks until the Easter holidays. The children have done so well since returning, but it is noticeable that they are quite tired by the end of the week. Nonetheless, there has been some fantastic learning taking place in the classrooms this week. I have particularly noticed the excellent questioning around texts the children have been studying provoking some deep and well-pitched discussions amongst the children. One of our aims this year was to promote engagement and progress in English by using quality texts as models for inspiration. Whether it has been Mr Penguin and the lost treasure, A Long Walk to Water, Jasper's Beanstalk or Monkey See, Monkey Do, it is so rewarding to hear the children talking with such passion about books, showing a good understanding of the techniques that authors use to engage and entertain the reader. My favourite quote of the week was from a conversation between some Year 6 pupils, overheard as the children walked back into school after breaktime: *'I can't wait to find out what happens next in Long Walk to Water, we left on such a cliffhanger!'*

This week, we were delighted to launch our Readathon challenge! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to engage in an incredibly important and enjoyable learning skill whilst raising money for an extremely worthwhile cause. Yesterday, we sent out a unique link for each child to enable them to log their reading activities (whether they are reading or being read to) via Track My Read. This is particularly important, as it is how we will be able to track how much each child reads during the Readathon – remember, there are prizes for the person who clocks the most minutes in each class!

As you may know, the school sponsors a young man, Geaz Nyangalima, in Tanzania via Walser's Tanzania Charity. Our contributions are currently helping Geaz study to become a Secondary teacher of Chemistry and Biology. Earlier this week, we were delighted to receive a letter from Geaz, updating us on how he is getting on. You can read a copy of the letter [here](#).

On Wednesday 24th March at 7:00pm, we have our next PTA meeting via Zoom. Our PTA is wonderfully supportive, and it is so important that as many parents as possible attend. As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, we need to discuss how we can restart the vital fundraising work of the PTA as they make a massive contribution to improving so many key elements of our school offer.

If you haven't already, please make sure you book your Parents' Evening slot with your child's class teacher. As previously communicated, these meetings will be conducted via Zoom; a link will be sent out next week.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

Sam Browne

'It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

Mark 4: 31-32

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Star of the Week

With no celebration assembly on a Friday, we're having to do Star of the Week in a slightly different way, but make sure you visit our Facebook page to see the celebration.

Cameron for always trying his absolute best and pushing himself in everything he does

Layla for consistently doing her best in all lessons

Svana for working very hard and being enthusiastic about every lesson

Charlie for trying really hard with his presentation in English

PTA

One way in which we can raise funds for the school is through Amazon Smile. Most of us use Amazon rather a lot, and by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and then searching for Radnage, you can raise funds for us simply through your normal shopping habits. Make sure you select Radnage CE Primary School Parent Teacher Association and, if possible, install the Amazon Assistant extension to your Chrome browser.

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
March 2021			
Weds 24 th	PTA Meeting	Zoom	Everyone
Mon 29 th	Parents' Evening 3/4 , 5/6	Zoom	Parents
Tues 30 th	Parents' Evening Reception, 3/4 , 5/6	Zoom	Parents
Weds 31 st	Parents' Evening 1/2, 3/4	Zoom	Parents
April 2021			
Thurs 1 st	Break up for Easter 1:30pm	Whole School	Everyone
Mon 19 th	INSET Day	Whole School	Everyone
Tues 20 th	Children Return to School	Whole School	Everyone
May 2021			
Mon 3 rd	Bank Holiday	Whole School	Everyone
Weds 12 th	Full Governing Body Meeting	Zoom	Governors
Thurs 27 th	Break up for Half Term 3:30pm	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 28 th	INSET Day	Whole School	Everyone
June 2021			
July 2021			
Weds 21 st	Break up for Summer 1:30pm	Whole School	Everyone

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