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Dear Parents

A warm welcome to the second half of the spring term – sadly the weather is currently not as warm – hopefully the milder days will return before we break up for Easter! Many, many thanks for your recent generosity! The cake sale for ‘Hearing Dogs’ raised £193.56 – thank you so much for all your baking! We know that the sponsored silence is also set to raise a considerable sum and we will give you the total as soon as all the money has been processed. We know the children enjoyed browsing at the Book Fair and in total we took £439.30 in sales, receiving £203.58 in commission to spend on books for the school.

Staffing update

Unfortunately Mrs Gooch remains very unwell and consequently has been unable to return to work. Many thanks to Miss Taylor/Mrs Woodings for teaching the children in her absence. We continue to send Mrs Gooch our very best wishes for recovery and we will update you as soon as we can about her return to work. Mrs Heath will be absent for up to three months following a planned medical procedure and we also wish her a full recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to school sometime in the summer term.

Academisation/school partnerships update

As you know, over the last eighteen months the governing body has explored academisation with various academy trusts. The governing body has a responsibility to ensure that the Ormesby Schools are delivering the best provision possible for every child and it is crucial that the work of the schools is quality assured in some way through collaboration with other partners/organisations. Both the schools currently have a ‘Good’ Ofsted rating and we want to ensure that this continues. Governors will continue to explore sustainable partnerships, including possible academisation, as part of their governance of the schools. Of course, you will be informed and consulted about any future decisions that may be taken. In the meantime, we are pleased to have joined a large cluster of local schools called ‘Broad Horizons’. Headteachers, senior leaders and subject leaders from these schools meet regularly to share good practice and to moderate pupils’ work across the curriculum to ensure consistency of judgements.

Parking in school

We have repeatedly requested that parents/carers do not drive into the school premises to drop off/pick up children. This policy is to keep your children as safe as possible. The car park is small with very limited turning room. Also, please do not park in allocated parking bays either – these are for staff, who are finding that sometimes they cannot park when they arrive at school because parents are in these spaces. If you have a disability/circumstance that means you cannot reasonably park outside the school please inform the school office to ask for a permit. Thank you for adhering to these requests which are in the safety interests of everyone’s children.

School Choir

The choir took part in the Gorleston Music Festival on 6.3.19 and performed very well. The choir was placed 2nd in the two-part unison class, so many congratulations! The children performed again at the Norfolk County Music Festival on 12.3.19 and were awarded a Highly Commended Plus certificate. A number of pupils also performed in musical classes at the Gorleston Festival and as soon as all the results are relayed to us we will share their successes with you. Many thanks to the children for their hard work, to you for your support and to Mrs White-Joubert for her enthusiastic teaching.

Sporting successes

Amy Fielding, Lilymae Coote and Phoebe Shreeve represented the school admirably at the recent cross-country competition – many thanks to them. Currently our Y5/6 boys are top of the North League in football – we wish them continued success in future matches.

Red Nose Day

This Friday, March 15th, is Red Nose Day in aid of Comic Relief. Pupils may come to school in their own choice of clothes on this day if they wish, with or without a red nose! We are asking for a voluntary contribution on this day, which we shall send to the appeal.

Diary dates

12.3.19 – School choir to Norfolk County Music Festival – 9.00am departure

14.3.19 – Parents invited in to look at pupils' work – 2.00pm onwards

15.3.19 – Red Nose Day

19.3.19 – Parents' Evening – 3.45-6.30pm

21.3.19 – Parents invited in to look at pupils' work – 2.00pm onwards

26.3.19 – Parents' Evening – 3.45-6.30pm

01.4.19 – Archery enrichment day for all pupils

05.4.19 – School closes for Easter

23.4.19 – School re-opens for summer term

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates
Headteacher

