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Dear Parents/Guardians

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Attendance 7th March – 11th March

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	92.8	0.0	7.2	0.0	100.0	92.8
EY Windsor	90.4	0.0	9.6	0.0	100.0	90.4
Year 1 Arundel	96.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	100.0	96.0
Year 1 Bodiam	97.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	100.0	97.1
Y2 Leeds	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Y2 Pevensey	96.2	0.0	3.8	0.0	100.0	96.2
Y3 Lewes	99.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	100.0	99.2
Y4 Dover	93.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	100.0	93.0
Y5 Hever	95.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	100.0	95.0
Y6 Rochester	96.9	0.0	3.1	0.0	100.0	96.9
Totals	95.7	0.0	4.3	0.0	100.0	95.7

Leeds must have been eating 5 a day of their fruit and vegetable all week. A terrific 100% attendance with no lates. Unfortunately there have been cases of chicken pox and sickness in some of the other classes particularly Reception which is reflected in their figures. But overall an excellent week at 95.7%

Easter Service

Parents are reminded that we will be celebrating our Easter Service at St. Mark's Church at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd March and we warmly invite parents to join us at this celebration. As usual, all the children will be walking to church after registration on this day so please ensure that they have a coat to wear. The weather promises to be fine but in the event of a downpour we will hold the service in school, but please be aware that this will be a last minute arrangement!

Please remember to collect your child from church at 2.30 pm after the Easter Service.

Inset Day

Please remember the school is closed on Monday 11th April for staff training, children return on Tuesday 12th April.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please keep collecting these. There's a collection box in the office. Last year we got equipment for the playgrounds, some sports equipment and a voucher for each teacher to spend on their class. We collected 24 000 vouchers last year, it would be great to beat this.

School Dinners

Thank you to those parents who have now started paying for their children's school meals before they eat them! Please could those who have not managed to do this yet please do so. Please could all parents ensure that all payments are up to date before the end of term.

Clubs

Please remember school run clubs finish **THIS FRIDAY – 18TH MARCH**.

Sport Relief

Thank you to all of you who supported Sport Relief. The children have all run their mile, and some of the teachers. A big thank you to Toni and Sarah who organised the event and proved their fitness by running around the playground more than one year group. We raised a terrific £131.80

Lambing and Animals Galore – A letter from Mrs Crane

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the lambing workshops that we have arranged for the first week next term.

We have been very disappointed with the initial response towards the cost of these workshops and so far have received only a couple of contributions.

As a school we strive hard to offer children educational experiences that are memorable, fun and at sometimes a little different. Unfortunately this sometimes comes at a cost and school budgets are no longer able to stretch to cover these exciting extras. Staff spend a great deal of time and effort exploring the most cost effective ways to offer our children experiences beyond the norm. We feel strongly that the opportunities we offer are the very best around. In this instance bringing the lambs to us is cheaper than going to visit Hadlow college lambing (£3 entry plus a coach at approx £10 per child) or the Severn Sisters sheep centre (£5 entry plus coach) as both would incur the extra cost of coaches. The added benefits of these lambing workshops are the close proximity and time that the children get to spend with the lambs.

Sadly without your support, for this and other such ventures, we will be unable to run these workshops for the children.

Please could the money be paid to the office by **Wednesday 23rd March**; if insufficient funds are received by this date then the event will be cancelled and reimbursement made to those parents who have contributed. I truly believe that it would be a great shame if the event had to be cancelled.

Kind Regards

Mrs Crane
Assistant Headteacher

Carrot Wood – Year 6 parents

Just a reminder that the final instalment for the Year 6 residential visit to Carrot Wood is due by the end of April, please send payment to the school office. Thanks.

Harp lessons

Would you like your child to learn an instrument that sounds fantastic right from the first lesson? Plink Plonk harp lessons will soon be offering lessons in pairs, or for individuals during the school day. Prices start at £13.75/month for a shared lesson and rise to £27.50/month if you would prefer an individual lesson (based on ten lessons a term of fifteen minutes). No instrument needed until you are sure you like it. Small harps to play just for fun, start from £175. If you are interested in a harp suitable for grades, prices start at about £500 to buy but several companies offer rental/hire purchase schemes. If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity, please email Nikki at plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk.

Half Term Activities

Tonbridge School are running a holiday hockey course the week of the 29th March to the 1st April., 10 – 12:30 every day for 7-10 year olds and from 13:30 – 16:00 every day for 11-14 year olds. This course is a core skills course and aimed at players starting or new to the game. If you are interested please call them at Tonbridge School Centre Reception on 01732 304111.

Yours sincerely

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