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Dear Parents,

Staffing

Miss Moore

I am sad to inform you that we will be losing Miss Moore from Early Years at the end of this term as she will be relocating to London. Miss Moore has been with us for 18 months and during that time has worked very hard with our youngest children as well as leading on Outdoor Education. I am sure you would all like to wish her well in her new school and thank her for all her efforts here at St. John's. I am pleased to say that I have managed to persuade Mrs O'Connor to take over as Early Years teacher for the Summer term.

Mrs Goodman

I am also sad to say that Mrs Goodman's contract will finish at the end of this term. The original plan was for Mrs Daniels to return after Easter to share the class with Miss Warwood but this will now not happen until September. Mrs Goodman is unable to continue but I am very pleased to inform you that Mrs Griffin will work alongside Miss Warwood for the Summer term. I am very grateful to Mrs Goodman for all her efforts since September.

Gymnastics Success

I am delighted to inform you that our gymnastics team had a great deal of success in a recent competition. The results were as follows: The Lower Key Stage Two Team won the silver medal and the Year 6 team won the gold medal. There were also individual successes for Paige Darling (Gold) Bailey Kite (Bronze) Caitlin Dubber (2 Golds) Jessica Lemos (Gold) and Niamh Cummings (Silver) May I congratulate the entire team for a fantastic achievement. Special thanks go to Miss Lewis and Mrs Dubber who give up their time freely to work with the children.

I am also very grateful to Mrs Ana Chiorean, who has a child in the team, and has provided the children with a brand new gymnastics kit sponsored by Medscope Consulting Ltd.

School Choir

I would like to congratulate our school choir who sang at a recent concert at St. Mary's Church in Banbury. We were the only Primary School at the concert and I was very proud to listen to the children singing the song 'Children singing for children' written by Mrs MacLean. I am very grateful to all the children and Mrs MacLean for representing the school so beautifully.

Fair Trade Café

I am very grateful to you all for supporting the recent Fair Trade Café. The children all had great fun and we raised £278-25 which has been sent to The Fair Trade Foundation. My thanks go to Miss Pepler and Miss Wortley who organised the event.

East Africa Appeal

Many thanks to those of you who have so generously contributed to the above appeal. We have already received more than £150. I am keen to send any donations off to CAFOD as soon as possible to ensure that the money gets to those who need it. For this reason, I propose to keep the appeal open until next Tuesday 28th March, so if you would like to make a donation, however small, you still have time to do so. Your small sacrifice will make a world of difference to some of the millions of people affected.

A Polite Request

Could I please remind you all that dinner money should be paid in on a Monday. It should also be the exact amount as we do not have the wherewithal to give change.

A second Polite Request

I was very disappointed the other day to see that a flower bed around a memorial garden at the front of the school had been damaged. The garden, in memory of a former TA, had more than 30 daffodil heads picked and thrown on the floor. I would, therefore, ask that children, once they are handed over, and indeed toddlers, are not allowed to roam unaccompanied at the end of the school day.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 23 rd March	Mothers' Day Stall
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 1 Multi Skills Festival at BGN
Friday 24 th March	Mothers' Day Stall
Wednesday 29 th March	Multi-Cultural Day
Thursday 30 th March	Multi-Cultural Day
Friday 31 st March	End of Term Mass 9.20 a.m.
Monday 3 rd March	EYU/Y.6 Height & Weight Measuring
Monday 3 rd March	F. Communion Parents' meeting 7.00 p.m. at the Church
Tuesday 4 th March	Miss Wortley's Class Easter Liturgy
Wednesday 5 th April	EYU trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 6 th April	Easter Liturgies – Stations of the Cross
Friday 7 th April	Easter Egg Hunt –Non-School Uniform
Friday 7 th April	Break up for Easter at 3.20 p.m.
Monday 24 th April	Return to School

I will send out the details of the Easter liturgies in church once they are published. You will be aware that we break up on Friday 7th April, which is the Friday before Palm Sunday. I am sure that I do not need to remind you of the importance of the Easter liturgies and I would encourage you all to bring your children to church during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K.G.O'Connor
Head Teacher