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Dear Parent/Carer

Easter Service at St. John's Church and 'The Easter Experience' at School

We will once again hold our annual Easter Service at St John's Church on Tuesday 30th March 2010 at 10.00am. To make this possible, I would be grateful for parental support to help walk our children to the church on the morning. We shall be leaving for church at 9.45am. If you are able to help, please see Mrs Matthews in the school office for more details. The service will be led by the clergy and as a family celebration I would like to invite parents and grandparents to come along and join us at church.

Here at school we are already turning our attention to Easter and this is reflected in school assembly themes and key discussions in the children's classrooms. In addition, Mrs Sadowski is organizing a whole school 'Easter Experience' for the children. During the Easter Experience the school hall will be transformed and the children will walk through the story of Easter stopping at a series of interactive stations. Each station will be led by a member of the St John's Church congregation and we are very grateful for their time and support. Please see our school website for photographs of both events later next week.

Spring Fair

The PTA will hold their annual Spring Fair on Wednesday 31st March 2010 at 3.30pm. The Fair will take place in the school hall. I hope that you will be able to support this fund raising event. Funds are to be used to support the forthcoming play project. A 3D model of the proposed play development will be available at the Spring Fair should you wish to view it.

Playground Update

Plans were submitted for our new play area in early February and as the window for hearing back from planners has elapsed I have made further enquiries. Sadly, our case officer has informed me that our application is to be considered at the next meeting of the planning committee set to take place in late April. By the time we get to late April 2010 we will have been waiting for planning permission for almost 3 months - a full quarter of a year! This is very disappointing and frustrates our original intention to start work on the play project in early Spring and early enough for the completed play area to be in use during the Summer terms. My hope is that if planning permission is approved then our contractor will be able to start work immediately, but clearly we cannot reasonably expect him to continue to turn down contracts whilst we continue to wait for planning permission. I will keep you informed of future progress as soon as I know more.

Bikes and Scooters

I have reminded the children that they are *not* to ride bikes or scooters on site. This is as much to preserve a calm beginning and ending to the school day as it is to ensure that everyone is safe as they move around school as congested times of the day. Please can you ensure that your child/ren with scooters are closely supervised on site and that they do not ride their charges. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note: If children are seen riding scooters they will not be told not to bring them in future.

Bike and Scooter Racks

The bike and scooter racks are proving to be a great success, so much so that they are bulging at the seams! To ensure that we make maximum use of the space can I ask that parents assist their children to fold their scooters before hanging them. This will allow us to hang the absolute maximum number of scooters and this will help to keep our school site well ordered. Thank you.

Head Lice

Recently we have had a few cases of head-lice reported to us. Please check your children's hair and treat with the recommended 'bug-busting method' which involves washing your child's hair and combing through after an application of conditioner. The School Policy on head lice is that children found with them will be sent home. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

M Cottrell
Headteacher