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Dear Parents,

Thank-you for all your support this week. The help of parents who volunteer is very valuable to teachers, and also shows our children the importance of responding to requests for help. Our Lenten focus is 'What am I called to do?' and the generosity of parents is a great example.

Class Photographs

On Wednesday all the children who were present in school had their class group photographs taken. These are a great memento for the children. Tempest Photographers will send proof photos soon and details of how to order copies online.

Year 3 Educational Visit to London Zoo (ZSL)

The Year 3 children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Zoo on Wednesday, which built on their science learning. Mrs Chappell would like to thank all the parents who went with the children to supervise. With lots of adults to oversee the children it made using public transport much easier.

Parking restrictions

If you drive to school to collect your children you will notice new signs placed outside the school to discourage illegal parking. This is a further step to try to encourage the small number of parents who break traffic rules for their own convenience to consider the dangers of illegal parking.

After school club

Please make sure that you children know in advance that they are attending After School Homework Club. On days that children are attending, they know that they must go directly to the school hall for registration. We have had some children who are unsure recently and have come to the pupil exit gate instead and had to be directed back inside.

Assemblies and Liturgies

Yesterday the children from Class 5B presented a fantastic science assembly on the theme of Forces. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support their children. It was great to see so many parents.

The remaining assembly before the Easter Holiday is as follows:

Thursday 21st March at **9.15am** – Class 5C

Please note the early start time carefully.

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Ohanna in 3A, Mmachukwu in 3E, Jayden in 4D, Somtochukwu in 4T, All the children in 5B, Mollie in 5C, Damilola in 6G and Daniel in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Ethan in 6P. The swimmer of the week is Beatriz in 3A. The Kindness Award this week goes to Ifunanyachukwu in 5C.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

Group A Strep (streptococci)

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Children with these symptoms should not attend school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>