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Dear Parents

Easter Service

All parents and friends are invited to join us in Foxton Church for our Easter Service at 2.30pm on Friday 27th March. If you are not able to be there, please make arrangements to collect your child from the church by 3.15pm. Children attending FDS Football, After School Care and children not collected will be walked back to school. Please complete and return the slip below to give permission for your child/children to walk to Foxton Church. Red bags are not required in school on Friday 27th March.

Family Dining

Due to an increase in the number of children having school dinners, because of the Free School Meals for Infant Children policy, we have changed the organisation of lunchtimes to enable the children to have less waiting time and more play time. The system we have now adopted is called 'Family Dining'. All the children are now in a lunchtime 'family' which contain a mixture of age groups. This encourages the older children to act as role models to the younger children. To sort out these groups the children wrote down the names of six children they would like to be with and in a vast majority of cases they are with at least three of the children from their list. The families each have their own Lunchtime Leader and are named: Blue (Mrs Willcock & Mrs Grogan), Red (Mrs Bratu) and Green (Mrs Oakley). Lunchtimes are now timetabled into three hall sittings and three outside zones. This is rotated throughout the week so everyone has an equal opportunity to access different types of games and different lunch choices throughout the week. The effect of this new system, so far, has been that lunchtimes are far calmer than they have ever been, the older children rising to the challenge of their new responsibilities and the children are spending longer outside.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school grounds or building at any time. Almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children. It is estimated that 450 children a day take up the habit. Children are very impressionable and seeing smokers could lead to them copying this behaviour. The medical profession regard smoking as the major cause of many illnesses. It is estimated that approximately 114,000 smokers a year die in the UK because of their smoking habit. As a school with Healthy School Status we need to convey the message that smoking is bad for your health and lead to premature death. Additionally, people can be harmed by second-hand smoke, i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes; we can often smell the smoke in the Fox Cubs Classroom as it is blown from the path, across the playground and through their door. Finally, it is not pleasant for non-smokers and their children to have to walk past smokers on their way into school. Therefore, our School Governors would like the parents who smoke on the path just outside the school gate to think carefully about the effect this is having on the children attending the school and the impression it creates.

Syd East Football Tournament (Saturday 21st March)

Best wishes to the football team for this event. I look forward to seeing the team at 1.30pm.

EASTER ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Name(s):

I give permission for the child(ren) named above to walk to St Andrew's Church, Foxton, on Friday, 27th March.

Signed:

Date:

New Parent Governor

I received one nomination for the vacant Parent Governor post; therefore, Steve Orton has accepted the position. Mr Orton has two children at the school and he wants to secure the school's place in the community. He has worked in education for 25 years, managing teams and training professionals in banking, insurance and government. He believes his experience in managing the learning process, budgets and people in commercial/customer environments can benefit the school, teachers, pupils and parents for current and future generation. Mr Orton replaces Mr Douglas and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Douglas for all the work he has done for the school over the last six years.

Year 3 and 4 Castleton Residential

We are all set for the Castleton Residential beginning on Wednesday 25th March. We plan to leave at 9am so please arrive at school at 8.45am. If the coach has parked then the children's main bag can be put straight into the coach otherwise bring all luggage into the classroom.

Year 3 & 4 Production

Year 3 and 4 are staging a 'Play in a Day' production titled 'The Vikings'. All relatives and friends are invited to come and see the production (no tickets required). The performance will take place in the School Hall on Friday 20th March starting at 2.50pm. Even if your child is not in Year 3 and 4 come along and enjoy the show.

Comic Relief

On Friday 13th March for Comic Relief there will be a non-uniform day, £1 donation. Our Sports Ambassadors have been organising a sponsored run at lunchtimes, a big thank you to them. The final event to raise funds for Comic Relief will be the School Council's Talent Show which will take place in the School Hall on Friday 20th March. Please come along and support the children – audience members will be charged 50p and refreshments will be available.

World Book Day

It was great to see the imaginative costumes; I was particularly impressed with the Oompa Loompas. Thank you to Harry Yarwood's Mum for arranging the Usborne Book Fair which is taking place after school on Friday 13th March in the School Hall.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We have a collection box outside the office and we are grateful for any vouchers.

Easter Celebration Lunch

On Tuesday 24th March Jenny will be cooking a special Easter Celebration Lunch. The menu will be: Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy or Onion & Pepper Quiche both with Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage & Roasted Vegetables or Salad. For pudding: Chocolate Easter Nest or Easter Biscuits. No need to pre-order.

After School Care

The booking system for After School Care is working well and means Mrs Willcock is able to plan suitable activities. Please contact Mrs Raymakers if you need to book places in After School Care. We do not provide any snacks during After School Care. If you would like your child/children to have something to eat please send them to school with it.

Mini Paralympics

Mrs Frow accompanied the children to the Mini Paralympics event at the Robert Smyth Academy. They took part in six different activities including table cricket and sitting down volleyball. Mrs Frow reports that, as expected, the children's behaviour was exemplary and praised by the organiser.

Free Cycling Event

This is taking place at Robert Smyth Academy on Sunday 29th March for 4-12 year olds. There are two activities taking place; Go-Ride coaching and a bike nature trail around the school field. The day is based on a first come first served and children need to register with Amy Handford amy@i-movetraining.co.uk / 07715 091422 to book a place or email info@raceharborough.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

P Clark