

Dear Parents

We've arrived at the end of a long month and we're starting to look towards lighter mornings and evenings - it's great to hear the birds singing and snowdrops starting to peep through.

I have to say we've had a wonderful week at school with such positivity and energy from the children. We have appointed new House Captains who will no doubt be wonderfully supported by our Head Boy and Head Girl: we have also co-opted a couple of other keen juniors to the Student Council. The children have worked with us to re-energise our marble jar treat system and are keen to earn their rewards. We are all about promoting the positive at school and we have a lot of positive!

Next week we welcome a speaker on Monday afternoon from the charity 'Simon on the Streets' to talk to the children about the work of the charity with homeless people. PSHE lessons have considered how to deal with emotions (for infants) and how to be safe in making decisions (for juniors) - listening to experiences of homelessness is an important aspect of that focus; how we react to life events and develop the tools to deal with difficult situations.

Juniors are now busy preparing for their English Speaking Board examination in March: it would be so helpful if you could listen now and again to their ESB readings, poems and talks please in addition to the time we have in school for this valuable activity. The children gain so much from this experience and they really do shine in this! They will perform their poems in front of you all at the Spring Revue in March - watch this space!

We are delighted with the new blinds installed in the Infants' classroom - it seems so spacious and bright! We have various other projects in hand - both in terms of the building and in terms of purchasing resources: obviously we are completely appreciative of your support in all we do and the breath-taking fund-raising events we have. Our next is the Valentines' Cake Stall which will be on Monday 10 February from 3.30- 4 and we have our wonderful International Evening coming up at the end of February after half term! Please keep a look out on our website and facebook for any updates.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you as always for your support and encouragement,

Julie Tanner

Head Teacher