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1st April 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope those of you who attended our Easter Praise Service enjoyed the proceedings. Thank you to all the children who gave up their time to rehearse for today and to Mrs Nutting and the staff who helped her to put it all together.

During the service we were able to thank Mrs Valerie Rayner who has been a very good friend to the school for many years in a voluntary capacity. The children and the staff will miss her but we all hope she will feel free to come back and visit whenever she likes.

We also said 'au revoir' to Mrs Attwood who leaves us today to go on secondment. After Easter she will join Education Bradford as a Literacy Consultant for 12 months. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best of luck in this new role and we all look forward to seeing her back with us in April 2011. Many thanks to everyone who made donations for her gift of flowers.

Robin Wood

Macmillan class returned from three very enjoyable days in Todmorden yesterday. Bouldering, stream walking, climbing, caving, team challenge, piranha pool, raft building, night line and canoeing were all crammed into the visit. Bravery, teamwork and brilliant behaviour made the visit a huge success.

Many thanks to Miss Crolla and Miss Hewitt from taking part in the visit and getting wet, cold and muddy with the rest of us. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Attwood for organising the visit. Well done all!

Devonshire class will be taking part in their residential visit to Ingleborough Hall when they return after the Easter break.

Quiz night

The Friends of Oxenhope C.E Primary School held a very successful quiz night event last Friday. It was great to see so many parents and members of the community joining in the fun. Well done to Mrs Fiona Denby for putting together a challenging range of questions, it must have taken hours to put it all together.

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Before and After School Club

Yesterday I received confirmation that our grant application for start up funding had been successful. During the summer term a team of Governors will be running a recruitment process so that staff can take up these posts in September. We will also be having some slight modifications made to the ICT area to accommodate this during the summer term. I will keep you up to date with things as they happen.

After school clubs

As many of you are aware Miss Taylor has been away from school for a number of weeks now due to ill health. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery so she can join us again very soon. At the moment it seems unlikely that she will be back with us for the start of the new term which does impact on the organisation of the school. One of the ways that it has impacted is on the running of the after school singing club which takes place after school each Wednesday. Over the past few weeks this has continued thanks to the support of the teaching staff. Unfortunately we are unable to continue this club on a regular basis due to the wide ranging after school commitments of staff so we will have to cancel the club until further notice. Please accept my apologies but I need to be sure that clubs are sustainable over longer periods of time as I know many of you have to plan child care around these. I am sure this club will start up once again when Miss Taylor returns.

DCSF buddies project

Yesterday evening some of the staff were treated to a presentation of some training materials that have been written for early years practitioners which demonstrate good practice in 'outdoor education'. Miss Hewitt, Mrs Kineard, Miss Dawson, Mrs Nutting and Miss Longstaff and our Reception and Year 1 children have all contributed to this document which will be used in schools, nurseries and pre schools nationally. Our school is credited in the document and staff and children feature in a number of photographs too!

Parent questionnaires

Thank you to all of you who returned this questionnaire which was sent out with last week's newsletter. If you still have a copy of this at home it would be very useful to get as many back as possible. Your feedback really does have a huge impact on how the Senior Leadership Team plans short and long term school improvement priorities.

Easter holidays

We all hope you have an enjoyable break and we have our fingers crossed for some better weather. School reopens on Monday 19th April.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Burns (Headteacher)