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Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This is the last Newsletter before the holidays so we would like to wish you all a very happy Easter!

Staff:

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of a baby boy, Harry, who presented himself on Mother's Day as a special gift to Mrs Waters! Mother and baby are both well.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Deputy Head, Miss Lorraine Painter, who will start with us after Easter. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

We said goodbye to Teaching Assistant, Mrs Sunnucks who has left us to pursue a healthier career in fitness training! We wish her luck with her new venture.

Mrs Hull will be leaving us at Easter to start her maternity leave. Mrs Johal will be teaching the class and has been working with the children for the past few weeks in order to provide a smooth transition and continuity of learning for the children during Mrs Hull's absence.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Pietersz and Mrs McNish as Teaching Assistants. Both Mrs Pietersz and Mrs McNish have been regular volunteers with us over the past few months so are well known to the children.

Royal Albert Hall:

On Sunday Mr Burgess and Mrs Thomas took some members of the choir to the Royal Albert Hall to take part in a Gala performance, singing with lots of other schools. The performance was amazing and we were very proud of our school for their behaviour, as always, and their outstanding contribution.

Skipping Workshop:

On Monday 14th March 2016, the whole school took part in a skipping workshop. For many of

us we were able to learn a new way to skip and for others it was a completely new concept. We had lots of fun learning different ways to skip and once we had mastered what we had been taught, we were able to show other children in an assembly what they could learn too.

Football:

"On Thursday 3rd March, Samuel Lucas A and B teams played Our Ladies' School at home. Everyone had a game, with great performances from Matthew in defence and Cian up front who scored some very good goals. The A team won 4-0 and the B team lost 5-1. At the end of the day all I could say was everyone played well".

Finn Campbell Y6

"On Wednesday 9th March there was an A and B team football match at Ickleford. When we had all arrived, we started to warm up. At quarter to four we kicked off with our captain, Rio, getting us as positive as possible. We were a few goals down at half time and had a team talk. We played really well in the second half and after a few minutes Rio scored an amazing goal. At the end of the game we shook hands and although we were disappointed we all enjoyed ourselves. The final score was 5-1 to Ickleford".

Cody Hay Y6

"On 9th March Samuel Lucas B team played a football match against Ickleford. Our team played really well with good passing and defending which resulted in a fantastic victory, winning 5-1! Congratulations to everyone who succeeded in the B team game".

Gil Gray-Rideout Y5

Science Week at The Priory School:

This week we have been celebrating British Science Week. We have been focusing on promoting the scientific skills of the new science

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curriculum through a variety of workshops and activities. Experiments have ranged from dissolving skittles to exploring thermal insulation. The children have also been offered a wide range of experiences across the age ranges from talks given by Airbus on the International Space Station, workshops on exploring materials or creating mini electrical circuits and even holding snakes and tarantulas!

Children in Need:

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £436.36 for this year's appeal.

Sport Relief 2016:

Two of our Y1 children in Birch class, Hannah and Zoe, are running for Sport Relief on Sunday at an event at Hitchin Boys' School. If you wish to sponsor them, please follow this link http://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/teamzoeandhannah?utm_source=FROST&utm_medium=email

We thought it was such a good idea that we are going to join in too! Mr Fuller, our Chair of Governors, Mr Burgess and Mrs Thomas are going to run 3 miles for Sport Relief. If you and your families want to join in, you can enter via the following link:

[<http://my.sportrelief.com/search/event/result?>]

Mrs Head:

A huge congratulations to Mrs Head, our Teaching Assistant who travelled all the way to Barcelona in Spain, to run a marathon. Not only did she run all 26 miles, she ran it in 3 hours 46 minutes, her personal best!

Medicine:

Please can we remind parents not to send in any medicine with their children. All medicine must be handed in via the school office and kept in a lockable cupboard (or staff fridge) in order to comply with health and safety guidelines. A request form also needs to be completed by an adult. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Car Park:

Another reminder to you all please that the car park is for use of staff and other adults/clubs working at the school. External after

school clubs are permitted to park in order to drop off and collect children safely, as are child-minders who are collecting children from our school and anyone with a disability badge. If you are having difficulty parking please use the park and stride scheme which allows you to park at the Lairage, the multi-storey car park (by Waitrose). Forms are available from the school office.

Reminders:

Isle of Wight—Y6

The next instalment is due on 8th April which falls during the Easter holidays. For those paying by Wisepay, please pay as usual but if you are paying by cash or cheque, please pay immediately we return to school on Tuesday 19th April. Thank you.

SLPA:

Save the date! Sunday 10th July 1pm

For the first time ever, the SLPA will bring the circus to all family and friends of Samuel Lucas and the local Hitchin community. Instead of the school fair, we will have a mini fair outside the Circus tent before heading inside to join the fun! More details to follow shortly but please make sure you save the date and tell all your friends!

Easter Egg Hunt - Thursday 24th March at 3.15pm.

When the doors open the children have the opportunity to search the playground for a small laminated egg with their name on it. When they find their egg they can pay £1 and swap it for some Easter treats. Siblings can join in the fun too as the Easter Bunny will be hiding some blank eggs!

All funds raised will be part of the SLPA contribution towards all sorts of wonderful things for the children - from school trips, to IT goodies and play equipment.

Have fun everyone and Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely

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