

Dear Parents,

### Vale Choir

Congratulations to all our Year 3 & 4 children who performed so well in the Vale concert. You were clearly the best performers and noticeably stood out from the rest. I was very proud of you all.

### Easter Service

Thanks to those of you who joined us for the Easter service and a special thank you to John Bartlett for his lovely blessing. The children performed their songs beautifully and the 'Donkey Daze' Footprints Theatre show was very entertaining. Thanks to the Viking Challenge for making this possible.

### DVD

We all enjoyed watching Robina Hood on our new big screen this week. If you haven't ordered a copy but would still like one, then further copies can be ordered.

### Uniform

I have noticed that standards of dress are slipping. Just a reminder:

- \* grey trousers or skirts should be worn
- \* no necklaces or jewellery are permitted for Health and Safety reasons (other than watches and stud earrings)
- \* black shorts and blue t-shirts for PE
- \* black shoes

I appreciate that Year 6 parents may not wish to replace PE t-shirts that may be too small, as they only have one term left, but it is not fair if they turn up in designer/trendy tops when others are respecting the procedures. Therefore I would ask that a plain navy blue t-shirt is provided as an alternative, as we have a lot of sports ahead of us in the summer.

### Clubs

During the first week back, staff will decide which clubs will be on offer and letters sent out. The clubs that **will** run during the week commencing 12th April are:

Tuesday	Badminton	Y3 – Y6
Wednesday	Lively hour	
Thursday	Sports Club	R – Y2
Friday	Sports Club	Y3 – Y6

### Easter Sports

A reminder that Mr Wing will be running a 2 day multi-sports coaching event on the second week of the holidays, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th April. Please contact him on 07910 740112 to enquire about available places.

### Office Refurbishment

During the holidays the school office will be redecorated, so don't be alarmed if you see workmen in and around school during the first week. I would ask you to remain vigilant for us over the break and alert the local police if you have any concerns.

They do patrol the area more frequently during the holidays, but your support is also welcome!

### Homework

There will be no homework set over the Easter period, but we would ask that you maintain a regular pattern of reading practice and number problems so they don't fall behind. You should regularly visit [www.bbc.bitesize](http://www.bbc.bitesize) to get in some valuable SAT's practice. Remember week commencing May 10th is SAT's week. Please note that no Year 6 pupil will be given an authorised absence during this week, as SAT's are a statutory requirement.

### Message from Kerry Mehra

Pablo's horse sanctuary at Long Clawson is a centre for taking in unwanted or abused horses and ponies, giving them a safe and caring environment. If you've ever thought about doing some volunteer work and like animals this is a great opportunity. They are in real need of volunteers to help care for the horses, a regular couple of hours one morning a week really makes the difference to them. The life stories of the horses are sad but it's lovely to see how happy and safe they are now and how they've bonded with other horses and the volunteers. You don't need any experience of horses as you'll be shown the ropes and to top it off the mucking out is great exercise! If you'd like to help or would like more information please go to the website at [www.pabloshorsesanctuary.co.uk](http://www.pabloshorsesanctuary.co.uk) or call Carol on **07745 628684** or Andrea on **07786 764453**.

### Barkstone Church

This weekend at Barkstone Church – on Saturday from 10.30am, coffee morning and hot cross bun fun, raffle, tombola, stalls, competitions for children, Easter egg hunt and much more! On Sunday, Holy Communion at 4pm with Rev'd Fred Connell, followed by Annual Parochial Council Meeting – all welcome.

### Old Stamps

Please could you save all old postage stamps and forward into school. Miss Maloney sends them off for fundraising for the Retired Greyhound's and would appreciate your help. Thank you.

### Au Revoir

I would like to wish a fond farewell to the Mehra family. Kerry, Ramon, Saffie and Joey have been great friends to us all and we wish them all the very best with their move to Wales. Special thanks to Kerry for all her support and dedication and as Parent Governor. You will all be missed.

### Easter Message

On behalf of the staff and Governors may I wish you all a very happy Easter and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J V Hopkins  
Head Teacher