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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. The sun has been shining, and it feels like spring is here at last.

School library - Reading for pleasure

This year, we are placing a real emphasis on encouraging children to develop a love of reading for pleasure. We know that when children choose to read independently and discover books that truly interest them, it has a powerful impact on their confidence, imagination and overall academic progress.

World Book Day was a great success. The children looked wonderful. We had a great day reading and listening to stories. It was also wonderful to see the staff joining in with the fun. Come on parents, you need to join in with the fun next year!

We will be revisiting the love of reading next term with more fun activities. One of the things we will be doing is inviting authors into our school and arranging a sponsored read. We will send you more information soon.

We do not currently have a dedicated school library; we are fortunate to have well-stocked book corners in every classroom. These offer a wide range of texts to suit different ages, interests and reading abilities. However, several children have recently shared that it would be wonderful to have a whole-school library — a dedicated space for reading, discovery, and a shared love of books.

This week, I met with FOSJ, and we are excited to say that we now have a plan to begin developing a school library that can be enjoyed by all children and families. We are still in the early stages, but we are incredibly enthusiastic about the possibilities and the positive impact this could have on our school community.

We will be sharing our exciting plans with you very soon. This is something we hope will become a whole-school project, and we will most definitely need your support.

RE enrichment day

On Thursday, 13th March, we will be holding a special Religious Education Enrichment Day based on the theme “**Belonging to God’s Global Family.**”

The day will begin with a whole-school Collective Worship led by Father Stephen, introducing the theme of unity and belonging. Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of age-appropriate activities, including learning about Christian worship in different countries, reflecting on Bible teachings about love and unity, writing prayers, creating artwork and exploring how belonging brings responsibility to show kindness, respect and compassion to others.

Visitors from different church communities who will share their experiences of faith and belonging. This will help children understand what Christianity looks like in lived experience, both locally and globally.





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This enrichment day will deepen pupils' understanding of Christianity as a global faith, promote respect for diversity and inclusion, and provide valuable opportunities for spiritual reflection.

Mothering Sunday Lunch

We warmly invite you to attend our annual Mothering Sunday lunch.

When we recently spoke with the children about the events they most enjoy at school, many shared how much they love it when parents come into school to spend time with them and share part of their day. A large number of children said that Mothering Sunday lunch and Father's Day breakfast are two of their favourite events of the year.

If you are able to attend, we would be delighted to see you there. However, if you are unable to join us, please be reassured that we have a very caring and supportive group of parents and staff who will happily sit with your child so they can still enjoy the occasion.

Some children may feel a little emotional when it is time for parents to leave, which is completely understandable. Please don't worry, they usually settle very quickly and continue happily with the rest of their day.

Thank you for everything you do to support the school. I hope you have a wonderful weekend and that the sun keeps shining.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

Key dates for next week

Thursday 12th March – Mothering Sunday lunch - **Reception 11.45 am - 12.15pm . Y1 and Y2 12.30 - 1.00**

Friday 13th March – Mothering Sunday lunch **Y3 and Y4 – 12.30pm – 1.00 pm. Y5 and Y6 1:00 to 1.30 pm**

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