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Dear Parents,

What a week – Monday began with such energy and enthusiasm from our choir when singing at the NEC and in addition to this, the school came under attack from a T-Rex! Mr Gordon was clearly focused on saving his own life rather than that of the children as he headed off in to the distance! Check out the school website or Twitter feed to see exactly what I am referring to. As the week progressed, Year 4 had two incredibly exciting days, working with Mr Kennedy, they seemed to have a fabulous time and thanks also to our three parent helpers – Mrs Tinning, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Hull.

Young Voices 2017

What a fabulous day! The children and staff experienced a truly magical experience at the Genting Arena, Birmingham on Monday this week. We were proud to take 26 of our choir down to the event and the behaviour and energy of all of our children was truly exceptional. The children had been preparing and practising for this event prior to the festive break and all through January and all that practise paid off. The children sung throughout the day and then performed during the evening to a packed auditorium of parents and families. The whole event was incredible and the children were entertained by various singers, song-writers, world beat-boxing champions and Urban Strides – the dance group who were so successful last year on Britain's Got Talent! Mr Yates provided wonderful Twitter coverage throughout the event although sadly my contribution was also captured! Please can I urge you all to have a look on either Twitter or even the new website for the full Young Voices experience. Grateful thanks to Mr Yates, Mrs Osbourne and Mr Mansfield for your hard work in preparing the children and Mrs Roach and Mrs Foster for your supportive role during the whole day.

Protest Art in Year 4

Year 4 children have had the opportunity of working with Mr Kennedy, our wonderful artistic parent, who has been working closely alongside Mr Yates, to create a project to support their learning in class. The children began in different groups, rolling paint, pasting glue and creating a collage. During the two days the children learnt the artistic skills of stencilling, collage and photography. As the two days progressed the children produced 4 large canvases that support their learning about differences and understanding. The art work will form the base for our Parent's Assembly and all the pieces of artwork will be displayed around the school for all parents and children to enjoy.

A special thanks to Alistair for his hard work both on the day and in organising and sourcing all the materials to help make this such a brilliant experience for the children.

Year 2 – T Rex Attack

This week Year 2 have been writing some very strongly worded letters to the local zoo keeper. As some of you may be aware, there was a loose T-Rex running amok around the school site! If you have not yet seen the T-rex the Year 2 children strongly advise you check the school twitter.... the children have also asked me to remind parents that the dinosaur looked very hungry!

Year 4 Class Assembly

A quick reminder to all of our Year 4 parents that the children's class assembly is held next Thursday, 9th February at 9.15am. All Year 4 parents and families are invited for this event and a cup of tea or coffee will be provided for you by our wonderful office team. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Internet Safety Day

Next week sees the national Internet Safety day on Tuesday 7th February being promoted in schools up and down the country and it is an ideal opportunity for you, as parents, to raise your awareness and understanding of such an issue. Internet safety and online conduct is such a crucial part of a child's development in our current culture and the dangers and pitfalls of such a wonderful resource are frequently overlooked. I wonder how many parents have ever considered the conduct of their child playing on-line games through either the X-Box or Play Station – sadly this is an area which many don't perceive to be an area of risk and worryingly, due to parents lack of knowledge and understanding, is now one of the fastest growing areas of concern regarding online safety.

As a school, we will of course take this opportunity to raise awareness but we believe that this message should not just be covered during Internet Safety week and therefore the children are reminded about online conduct and methods of keeping themselves safe during each computing session. As a school, we have also run a number of workshops for parents over the years and can I draw your attention to our new school website with a fabulous link to supporting parents in delivering this message – check out the Parent's tab and the "Staying Safe Online" link. In addition to this, there is also a great animated series for all children which highlights methods of keeping themselves safe on line at:

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew> - this can also be accessed via You Tube and Google. In our school entrance hall, we also have a leaflet providing parents advice on how to keep safe online, please feel free to pop in and collect one.

Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Ismail R	Lucy W
Year 1	Alys J	Kaia P
Year 2	Oscar Mc	Manayal S
Year 3	Yazaan M	Qasim H
Year 4	Ihsaan N, Elliot S,	Ella L, Madeeha H
Year 5	Zakia I	Sulaiman A
Year 6	Liam C	Thomas G

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Luke W	
Year 1	Adam Ch	
Year 2	Jack W	
Year 3	Dylan P	
Year 4	Daisy T	
Year 5	Malaika A	
Year 6	Charli G	

Spring Term 2017 – Dates for your diary	Date and Time
Internet Safety Day	Tuesday 7 th February 2017
Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check	Tuesday 7 th February 2017
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 9 th February 2017 9.15am
Whole school Parent's Evening	Monday 13 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Year 5 Swimming Last Session	Tuesday 14 th February 2017
Whole school Parent's Evening	Wednesday 15 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Last Forest School Session Year 1	Thursday 16 th February 2017 1.15 – 3.15 pm
Break up for half term	Friday 17 th February 2017 - 3.30pm
Mother's Day Lunches	Week Commencing Monday 20 th March 2017