Dear Parents

On behalf of all the Staff may I wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday break. We have had one of the busiest terms that I can remember including our successful 7+ results, an inspection, a Music Festival, two sets of family days for both grandparents and mothers and here we are in the final week with a magnificent Charity Assembly celebrating the children earning around £3,000 for the St Christopher’s Hospice followed by a grand Easter Hat competition to close the week! What an extraordinary term.

The candle lit ‘Candle Jar’ assembly was a very special occasion with our Music Captain Arabella B singing the first verse of ‘This Little Light of Mine’ followed by the whole school joining in. It is always hard to find ways to enable the children as young as ours to raise money but helping at home seemed to be a popular initiative and we have all enjoyed seeing the lovely photos of the children and their original ways of lending a hand! Thank you all for supporting this event. Special thanks to the enterprising and industrious Mrs Russell for this charity drive. We will be continuing to support St Christopher’s Hospice in the summer term with a very different fund raising idea.

On Wednesday Year 1 headed off to Leeds Castle in Kent where they enjoyed a packed day full of history adventures. They identified the features of a castle that they had been studying back at school and they looked at the changes in the castle over the centuries as well as admiring paintings of the Tudor king Henry VIII.

On Thursday we congratulated Year 2 for their super IT work culminating in their Good Digital Citizen Awards. The children looked at Contact, Conduct and Content on-line and we hope that this preparation will help them to safely navigate the possible pitfalls in this complex but exciting digital world.

On Friday we celebrated another first for the school: Our first Easter Hat Parade! This was made particularly special thanks to the initiative from the PTA involving famous local milliner Jessica Rea together with art materials sponsored by Linden House and Wren Retirement Living. Jessica came to the school to judge the amazing Easter hat creations that our wonderful Art Director Mrs Jules Degg had enabled the children to create using a wide range of art media including metalwork and glazed and fired clay. The results were spectacular and Jessica kindly agreed to place the winning 15 hats in her shop window in Ewell House Parade in Ewell Village this weekend. Do go and have a look at these beautiful prize winners: Special congratulations to:

Nursery: Poppy K, Max M, Nurdeen A
Pre-Reception: Cillian R, Sebastian S and Laura L
Reception: Nancy H, Zachery R and Felice F
Year 1: Jisoo P, Charlie S and Joshua C
Year 2: Artie B, Fenton F and Satvika R.

Please note that the Club Lists for the Summer Term are now available on the Parents Area of the website. Congratulations to Ahlberg House for winning the end of term final Housepoint challenge with a magnificent score of 3017 Housepoints. Have a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24th April for an exciting new term!

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Headteacher