

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is already the final part of the Spring term. How quickly the year goes; we are over half way through already. Thank you to those parents who attended the ILEARN sessions this half term, it is great to be able to share what and how the child learn with you, If for any reason you were not able to attend the sessions the information can be found on the school website.

The children loved 'doing something funny for money' and bringing a joke into school for Comic Relief. Each class voted for the best joke and then the children chose the best joke in the whole school.

### Uniform

Please can you check your child's uniform. Sports clothes should only be worn on Wednesday and Fridays, the rest of the week they need to be in normal school uniform. This involves black bottoms and a red t-shirt and hoody.

Please ensure that school shoes/ black trainers are worn and not other coloured shoes on non PE days.

The children always look so smart when they are wearing the correct uniform.

We also have free spare uniform if your child needs something, just let us know and we will try to help.

### Easter bonnets

As is Eling tradition we will be having an Easter Bonnet parade.

Children need to bring in their bonnets on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, and will parade them to Governors and the local vicar, see separate letter.

### World Book Day

It was great to see so many of our families on World book day. It has been some time since we have had that many adults into school to share books. The children looked fabulous in their pyjamas and the day was filled with lots of stories and story activities.

**PTA** - A huge thanks to all the parents/ carers and families that supported us in our Dance-a-thon we raised over £800 to help the school buy those 'little extras' that the children deserve. The PTA also sold Mother's Day gifts last week and raised £200. They have also purchased Easter eggs for the children as part of their annual Easter egg hunt. ***Look out for our Easter raffle on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March***

**Attendance** -Attendance at school is a priority. Our attendance has been fantastic this half term, thanks for your support with this. Remember your children should be in school every day they are well

### Parent/ Carer survey - PE

Annually, we like to gain the views of our parents and carers about sports inside and outside school. You should have been sent an email, please let us know via that link which sports and activities your child is involved in. We would love to make links with other clubs and sports locally.

### Eligibility check for Free School Meals

Although all children in infant school receive universal free school meals you may be eligible for Free School Meals, this means that the school will receive additional funding to support your child and other additional benefits. You may qualify for Free School Meals if you receive certain benefits. There may be parents whose circumstances have changed that may now qualify. To check follow the link

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Many thanks for your continued support.

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