

Dear Parents/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 for Year 1 and 2 and Fridays for Year R. 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 new. Just let us know and we will see if we can help.

Easter bonnets

As is Eling tradition we will hopefully (weather dependent) be parading to church on Wednesday 27th March. The children will each need an Easter bonnet and this will need to be brought into school ready for the walk.

Parents are welcome to join us to walk to church.

(See attached 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 £1235 to help the school buy those 'little extras' that the children deserve.

Attendance - Attendance at school is a priority. Thank you for those that call in before 9am when their child is sick. School attendance is **92%** national data is 94.3%.

Parent/ Carer survey

Annually, we like to gain the views of our parents and carers about what we do well and what we could improve in terms of supporting and educating your child. A separate email will be sent with a link to the survey for you to complete. It is anonymous and we appreciate your time in completing this.

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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