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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been truly delightful to have all our children back in school. There has been a wonderful 'buzz' around the school with lots of children keen to chatter to their friends and catch up on their lost time together.

Teachers have also reported that the children have really enjoyed the last three weeks. The children have been keen to settle down to their work tasks and have established good working routines – long may this continue!

I'm sure you would all agree that the start to 2021 has been challenging for everyone. I would just like to thank you all for your valuable support during these difficult times.

Easter Collective Worship – The children in Key Stage 2 visited St. Peter's Church this morning to participate in an Easter Collective Worship – these were two separate services, one for Year 3/4 and one for Year 5/6, both Covid secure. The worship gave the children and staff the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Easter. I would just like to thank Revd. Martin and Andy Field-Davies for organising and leading today's Easter worship.

Parent Meetings - Parent Meetings are scheduled to take place next half-term during the week commencing Monday 26th April. Further details about the Parent Meetings will be sent out to parents after the Easter break.

COVID Update – Just a reminder that a child must not attend school if they have one or more of the following symptoms: cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell. If your child has any of these symptoms, they should stay at home. Siblings should also stay at home, even if they don't have symptoms themselves.

A symptomatic child should have a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test at a symptomatic test centre. If the test is negative, your child, and their sibling/s, can return to school if fit to do so.

COVID Testing Information from the Local Authority - We would like to strongly discourage parents / carers from using home asymptomatic testing kits on primary school age children. The national asymptomatic home-testing programme currently does NOT include younger children, as there is a far lower risk of transmission in this age group. Given the very low risk of COVID amongst this age group, putting them through the discomfort of twice weekly swab-testing (which would also lead to a far higher percentage of void / inaccurate test results) is not advised.

World Book Day / Comic Relief - Pupils from FS1 to Year 6 took part in 'World Book Day / Red Nose Day' on Friday 19th March. The children were invited to come to school dressed in red or wearing the costume of their favourite book character. In the afternoon, classes hosted a children's talent show which was amazing and something the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed. So far, a total of £418 has been raised! The money will be split between Comic Relief and our school charity the Rock of Joy Trust who support our partner schools in Uganda.

School Uniform - When we return to school after the Spring break the children will be able to wear summer uniform. The children can wear the sky blue polo shirt, short trousers (long trouser option for Y6), blue gingham summer dresses or the sky blue polo shirt and grey skirt.

We will continue to wear the white polo shirt and school tracksuit on the class PE days, but as the weather warms up pupils will be able to wear royal blue shorts or royal blue skirts as an alternative to the tracksuit bottoms. Girls are also able to wear a royal blue 'skort' as an alternative to the shorts.

Year 5 Parents – Please note that registration for pupils to sit the St. Anselm's Entrance Test and Upton Hall Entrance Test in Autumn 2021 (for September 2022 entry) is now open. Further information can be found on the individual school's websites.

End of Term - Just to remind parents that school breaks up for the end of term tomorrow, **Friday 26th March**. The children will be finishing school at their normal time.

F1 – 3.10pm (top gate)
F2 – 3.15pm (top gate)
Year 1 – 3.25pm (top gate)
Year 2- 3.25pm (bottom gate)
Year 3 – 3.20pm (top gate)
Year 4 – 3.20pm (bottom gate)
Year 5 – 3.30pm (bottom gate)
Year 6 – 3.30pm (bottom gate)

The children return to school on **Monday 12th April**.



I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Jones".

Darren Jones
Headteacher