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Dear Parents,

School Assemblies

It was lovely to see so many of you at our assembly this week. We hope you felt more informed about the way we teach maths.

Message from Rev. John Russell

There will be "Messy Church" in the School Hall this Saturday 14th February, from 4-6p.m. Everyone is welcome, young and old and there will be pancake races, arts and crafts and food. There is no charge but parents are encouraged to come and participate (it is not a childminding service!!).

To book places, please call Sarah on 842422.

Book Fair - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th February

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school hall at 3.15pm every day. There is always a lovely selection of books to choose from and the school receives commission on each book sold.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

We, as part of our celebrations, would like everyone to dress up and contribute £1.00 each for "Book Aid". KS1 Children should come dressed as a character from any Julia Donaldson story and KS2 have all of the Roal Dahl characters to choose from.

Book Posters

We are going to make a display of book posters in the library to inspire children to read something new. We would like children to create a poster about a book they have recently enjoyed. It should include the author, title and some information which will encourage others to read it. The posters should be brought to school by Wednesday 26th February and there will be prizes for each year group.

Message from "The Friends"

Thank you to all of those who attended the Friends Meeting last week, it was really productive and great to hear everyone's views and ideas. We are delighted to welcome Katy Simpson as our new Vice Chair and look forward to working closely with Katy on the many events coming up before Easter.

We have made good progress planning for these events, however to plan the activities accurately, we would really like to get some idea of approximate numbers of attendees. We would be really grateful if you could have a look at the list of events below and let us know whether you think you and your children would like to attend. At this stage, we are only asking for an indication of numbers, no firm commitment! Please let your year rep or any of the Committee members know.

Ladies Night Out

Friday 13th March at HERE, Berkhamsted. This is a cheese & wine tasting event hosted by Little Gaddesden's very own food and wine expert Nigel Barden. We decided many meetings ago that we ladies need a fun event that does not involve baking cakes or manning a stall, so this is intended to be a light hearted social event for approximately 30 people. Price will be £20 each, with a proportion of this price being donated to The Friends. We may also organise a mini bus to and from Little Gaddesden at a small extra cost.

Family Bingo

Sunday 22nd March from 4pm in the school hall. This new event is for the whole family - grandparents are particularly welcome as they are probably far better at Bingo than anyone else! We will be selling tickets after half term at £5 each, which will include a hot dog, drink and a number of Bingo games. Extra Bingo cards will be on sale at the event.

Easter Fun Afternoon

Thursday 2nd April (last day of term, straight after school) at the Church. We are running this event in conjunction with the Church, where we will have some Easter related arts and crafts, a treasure hunt, Easter egg races and other chocolate based activities! We are hoping that parents can escort their children to the Church, and then enjoy a cup of tea and hot cross bun while the children are fully entertained and looked after. If we get enough demand, we may be able to collect your children from school so that you do not need to collect your child until the normal school collection time of 3.15pm. However, this will have to be formally pre-arranged and consent forms signed.

We are running this event free of charge and siblings are welcome but, as you can imagine, we will need pretty accurate numbers to plan this event effectively. All ages are welcome and we will try to arrange age appropriate activities.

As mentioned, we would really appreciate knowing approximate numbers for all these events, so if you could advise us as soon as possible, we would be very grateful.

Your Friends Committee and year reps are:-

Committee:	Anna Stevenson	-	Chair
	Katy Simpson	-	Vice Chair
	Mary Bannister	-	Secretary
	Heather Pearce	-	Treasurer

Year Reps:	Genny Snowdon	-	Reception
	Caroline Simmonds	-	Year 1
	Penny Brash	-	Year 2
	Sam Scott	-	Year 3
	Jessie Simmonds	-	Year 4
	Michelle Russell	-	Year 5
	Caroline Wallace	-	Year 6

We will be posting the minutes from the last meeting on the Friends page of the school website so for more detailed information on any of the above, please do have a look.

Please also remember to register and use "easyfunding" for all your online purchases. It is the easiest way to raise money for the school at no extra cost or effort.

Anna Stevenson

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher