

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Book sharing was a key part of this week for parents of Prep children and I could tell from when I dropped in, completely unannounced, that once again, the children were so proud to show all their hard work to their family. I feel that this is a very valuable part of the children's learning journey so thank you for coming in.

I had an invitation from Mrs Dalby to visit a Year 10 GCSE Art lesson to view their work at the halfway point for Year 10. I can honestly say that I was astounded! Their work was exceptional and they have clearly put in many hours of hard work. I look forward to watching them continue to complete their beautiful portfolios.

We have also seen netball success in the National ISA U16 and U14 competitions, where our teams both took gold medals in the Shield Competition. All those who took part should be very proud of their achievement and what a great way to end the winter season!

Eight of our Prep and Pre-Prep pupils have been entered into the ISA Handwriting Competition. They have produced beautiful work and while we await to see if we have any winners, they are all winners for being selected by their teachers to have their work entered into the competition.

Then, as if all this wasn't enough good news, 17 pupils took their LAMDA examinations and all achieved a distinction in their respective pieces. I am going to have a lot of certificates to give out next week, which I look forward to.

As you will be aware today is Comic Relief. We are keen to support this with a non-uniform day on the last day of term. We ask that pupils bring a £1 donation and as the theme is very much about supporting local challenges, we are doing a food bank collection, so please send in non-perishable items. Year 4 have been busy creating Loom Band items which will be on sale for charity at the end of the day for 20p, 50p or £1.

After school today many of us attended our Spring Concert, where we were treated to some Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Percussion Group, Ukulele and Guitar Groups, Orchestra, Folkestra and Solos. Rosie Ashwin must be congratulated as at only age 13 she has achieved her Grade 8 Cello which she passed with distinction. This is a very young age at which to achieve this accolade and so hearing her play one of her pieces this evening was a genuine privilege.

Please can I remind you that school finishes at the normal time next Friday and not at lunchtime. After Care, Prep and clubs will take place as normal.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing some Pre-Prep and Prep parents and pupils at our Easter Egg Hunt tomorrow.

With best wishes,
Mrs McCullough

Reminders and Notices

Monday 18th March

Years. 9-11 Swimmers, League Gala

Tuesday 19th March

Years 3, 4 and 5 Parents' Meetings

FOLS Second-Hand Uniform Sale, Greeting Room, Manor House 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 20th March

Easter Service, Whetstone Baptist Church, parents invited, 10am

Years 5-8 Swimmers, League Gala

Thursday 21 March

Year 2 Foxton Locks, 9.30am

Years 3 and 4 Swimmers, League Gala

Friday 22 March

Non-school uniform, £1 donation for Red Nose Day

Non-perishable foods drop off, senior building

Year 4 Loom Band Sale

Year 10 BTEC Animal Care Hyde Lodge Horses, Halstead, 10.15am

Saturday 23 March

Year 11 Kick Start Revision Day, 9am