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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to stay dry! We have certainly been enjoying the sunny weather at school this week. Fingers crossed that the dry sunny weather is here to stay.

## Water bottles

Please remember as the temperature gets warmer to send your child to school with a water bottle. We have facilities for children to fill up their water bottle at school so it is really important every child has their own water bottle so they can stay hydrated during the day.



## Online Safety Week

Next week is Online Safety Week at school where we will be addressing ways in which the children can stay safe when using the Internet. The children will be engaging in a number of activities to build upon their knowledge of; what the Internet is, what practices they should follow when using devices that access the Internet and what they can do if they don't like something they see online.

During the week the children will have time to explore games, activities and clips that promote discussion about online safety. We will also be holding a whole school competition to design a poster that can be displayed around school, showing others how to stay safe online. As parents, you are also invited to get involved with our work. After school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Mrs Exton and Mrs Gilchrist, will be in the school hall with information and advice about how to ensure your children are safe when using electronic devices. We look forward to seeing you there along with the Book Fair.

## Tag Rugby

The 2017-18 tag rugby season concluded on Tuesday with a Rutland Schools' Year 5/6 competition hosted by Oakham Rugby Club. Our school team comprised of Violette, Ruby, Anna, Charlotte, Greg, Zac, Charlie, Oliver, Freddie, Freddy, Alex and Ben. The competition started with 2 friendly matches and it was immediately apparent that the team were still on holiday! After this initial shock normal service was resumed when the tournament matches started. The first game was against Ketton and proved to be a close fought match with each team taking the lead at some point.

However, when the final whistle sounded we were victorious. Our next match was against Langham and it was expected to be close... It was! As with the previous match the winning score alternated between both teams but after some very skilful rugby Uppingham were again the winners. This left our final match against Ryhall, win and the team would be through to the semi-finals, lose and we would be playing off for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place. The team raced forward at the start of the match and it was apparent that all they wanted to do was win – Ryhall couldn't get near them. When the final whistle went the team hadn't conceded a try; we were through to the semi-finals! The semi-final match was against Brooke Hill. Brooke Hill proved to be very tough opponents and although the team played some of their best rugby they couldn't overcome this skilful team. Our loss meant that we faced Hallaton in the play-off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Again the girls and boys put up a spirited resistance but eventually lost the match. Our final position was 4<sup>th</sup> out of 17 teams, a magnificent performance from a group of very determined and skilful players. A great way to end the season.



## Bookfair

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April with lots of new books for children of all ages. The school receives a good percentage of the sales so buying a book not only encourages a love of reading but also supports the school too. We have £5 gift vouchers to spend at the fair, which children can win if they write the most interesting and entertaining book review of a book they have recently read. Entry forms will come home with the children in book bags and the deadline is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## Staffing Update

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs de Wet has been successful in gaining her first Headship. She will be starting her new school in Lincolnshire at the start of the next academic year. Mrs de Wet has been an amazing teacher at Uppingham C of E for a number of years and we will miss her greatly. Her new school are very lucky to have her and we are very excited for her and this next step in her career. Many congratulations Mrs de Wet! We will be recruiting a new teacher to join our teaching team and will let you now as soon as we can who this will be.

## Vacancies

If you know anyone who may be interested in these vacancies then please pass on the information and ask them to contact the office for more details.

### Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. The hours are term time only and the main role is to supervise children at lunchtime while they are eating and whilst they are outside playing. If you think this would suit you then please contact the office for more information.

### Cleaner

We are currently looking for a reliable and enthusiastic cleaner to join our team. The hours are term time only after school, with the opportunity for more hours in the holidays to deep clean the school. More information is available from the office.



## Term Dates

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Online Safety Week</b> – During this week the whole school will be focussing on how to be safe online.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> – Please come along after school and support the Book Fair, funds raised from this go towards the school.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Squirrels visit to Uppingham Theatre</b> to watch “Sarah and Duck’s Big Top Birthday Show” 1.30 – 3.00
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 SATs week</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Royal Wedding Celebrations</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Last day of term 5</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>First day of term 6</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Rutland Poppy Project</b> are visiting the school. Everyone in school will get the chance to make a poppy to be part of this amazing community art work project to commemorate the centenary of the end of The Great War.

