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Dear Parent/Carer

My apologies for another newsletter so soon, but there are a few things to inform you about, as well as some requests, so please read carefully! First ~ two reminders:-

PARENTS EVENINGS

The 2 evenings for you to book an appointment are: **Monday 22nd March 4pm-6pm** and **Thursday 25th March 6pm – 8pm**. As usual, there will be class lists and times put up in the hall for you to choose a convenient appointment. If you are unable to come in to school to do this, please fill in the form attached to this letter. Thank you. I will be there on both evenings if you wish to see me at any time.

QUIZ NIGHT

This fun evening is on **Friday 27th March**. The school will be open from 7.30pm. Please book your table in advance at the school office so that the PTA know how many to set up. As I have said before, this is not for the brains of Britain and will cater for all tastes. The main thing is it's a fun night out and we're raising money for the children so that they will benefit from more equipment and trips. Please try and support us if you can. I can offer 2 very reliable baby sitters if anyone needs them!

DROP IN SESSION

Our family support advisor, Lizan Martin, is having another session for any parent next **Wednesday, 17th March at 3pm**. Please come along to the library this time. Anybody is welcome, however trivial you think your concerns are with your children.

HEAD LICE

As you know, this is an on-going problem and is very difficult to eradicate. All I am asking is that you all keep a regular eye on your child's hair and if there is evidence of lice, to treat their head as soon as possible please. Also, may I remind you that the treatment needs to continue for a fortnight, even if you can no longer see any evidence! If we all did this they WOULD go away!

Art Exhibition

The R.A.I.S.E. exhibition shows art from local primary and preparatory schools every year and is on this year from Saturday 20th to 27th March at Sherborne House in Sherborne. There are paintings from our school so do take a look if you are travelling that way.

HELP! GARDENERS WANTED!

I am sure most of you are aware that Mr Bennett owns the school field and leases it to us for which I am very grateful. He has kindly said I can use the field to put in some raised beds for vegetables. If we are to do this I would like to start at Easter and therefore wondered if there were any volunteers to help with this project. Please come and see me if you would like to help and we can hopefully find an agreed date to start! It would be good if anyone also has connection with loaning a digger to start us off! Any offers?

Alongside this, we also want to improve the environmental area so maybe the more creative parents could offer help with that. Mr. Higgins is in charge in that area and would welcome some volunteers. Thank you very much.

SPORT RELIEF

As you are aware from the School Council's letter, we will be supporting the above event next week. May I remind you that the children are still to come in school uniform but should please bring either a funny hat or wig to wear for the mile event. I'm sure a red pair of socks or top is acceptable as well.

Netball Match

We had our first netball match this term against Horsington and it was great to see 2 enthusiastic teams win both their matches. Well done to all the children. Mrs. Reynolds is starting a sport board in the corridor by Diamond class if anyone would like to see some pictures of the activities we have taken part in this term.

Text Messaging

We now have the facility to contact parents by text to inform them of cancellation of after school clubs or school closures etc. Please would you ensure your up to date mobile number is on our records. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Easter Service:

There will be refreshments and a cake sale after the children's service in the school hall. A plate will be sent home to each family for you to provide a cake for the sale. The Easter Eggs which the children will have hopefully decorated will be on display as well. (There will be more information on this later).

Sponsored Bike Ride:

Mr Franks and Mr De Villiers are organising this event so we need as many cyclists as possible to join in. Please let us know if you would like to take part. It is on **Saturday 22nd May**. We will have refreshments at school after the event to welcome the cyclists back. Sponsor forms will be sent out nearer the time.

Bags for Schools

This is a brilliant way of earning money for the school as all we have to do is clear out all our old and unwanted clothes, shoes, curtains etc. In fact the heavier the better as the whole lot is weighed and then we're given money for it! It could easily raise £500 for the school if every family had 2 bags. So start sorting now and we will distribute the bags later when we have a collection date. There is also an organisation which collects old CDs and DVDs and gives money in exchange. We will start collecting these now so please hand them into the office.

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Putting The Children First



Organization

Certificate of Achievement

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

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We're on the Web!

example.microsoft.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing

of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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