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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

I hope you found the recent Parents Evening informative. Thank you for attending and also for visiting the Book Fair.

Cross Country

A number of Key Stage 2 pupils entered the Cross Country competition at Loscoe on Tuesday evening. Well done to everyone who took part and completed the course. Particular mention must be made of Luke Rowbottom who came 7th out of approximately 150 Year 5/6 boys and Cameron Robey who came 4th out of 150 Year 3/4 boys.

Easter Service

I am pleased that so many of you were able to attend our Easter celebration at St Alkmund's Church and that you enjoyed and were moved by the service. Congratulations to all the children who sang, read, played an instrument and signed the Lords Prayer.

Health Promoting Schools

Mrs Owen and the School Council have been leading a number of initiatives during the last year to help the school work towards a goal to achieve the 'Health Promoting Schools' award.

Last Thursday Hamish Carmichael-Smith and Rowena Rowland our two Year 6 Councillors attended County Hall Matlock; the headquarters of the Local Authority with Mrs Owen and I to collect our award.

It was a very special day, filled with fun activities in the morning, a healthy lunch and a prestigious award ceremony in the Council Chambers during the afternoon. Hamish and Rowena were model pupils, excellent ambassadors for the school and a pleasure to be with. Thank you Mrs Owen for your leadership and initiatives in this area and congratulations to all the children for their work in this area. The plaque and photographs will be on display in the entrance hall after Easter.

Reading Scheme Books

There have been a number of occasions recently when parents have been changing their child's reading book and taking extra books home. This is not acceptable and I must insist that you allow the changing of books to be at the direction of the class teacher. Please remember that it is very important to talk to your child about the book, the characters, the text format, the plot etc and that is more valuable than racing through a whole book each night in a competition to progress through the reading scheme.

School Holiday

School closes for the end of the Spring term vacation tomorrow, Friday 4th April and re-opens on Monday 21st April.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you a happy spring holiday with hopefully not too many April showers!

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher