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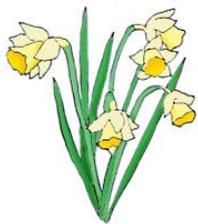
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What challenging times we are living in! Following the Prime Minister's Announcement on Wednesday everything has changed, we had no prior knowledge of the news, so have been reacting and trying put together a plan for our school and especially the vulnerable and children of key workers. We received further advice from the Cabinet Office overnight on Thursday, please see our website for more information.

In light of the above, sadly this year's Youth Brass Band Championships on Saturday, 28th March has been cancelled. Yesterday Thursday, the children worked really hard and recorded our entry with Mrs Sutton, the recording will be sent to the judges who will award a certificate and provide comments, but there won't be competitively ranked prizes. Thank you to all of our children for their efforts, our families for their support and to Mr Dodd and Mrs Sutton supported by Mrs Musgreave and Mrs Rowbotham.

We have tried to keep school as normal as possible for our children and at the same time answer their many questions in an age appropriate way. We held our last Celebration Assembly this afternoon for some time ~ we just needed to be together. We will continue to reply to emails and phone calls as normal.



Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums, Nanans and Grandmas and anyone who is like a Mum to our very special children. Also thinking about those children and families who are without their Mums and saying prayers for them. We have bought every child (Year 1-6) in school a bunch of daffodils to give as a gift to whomever they choose ~ we hope you enjoy them and your cards and wishes.

Also, we have bought all of the children in Nursery, Sunflowers and Daffodils the book '**Guess How much I Love You**' and 2 hot chocolates to share together on Mother's Day. We hope you are pleased with your special gift.

Easter Eggs ~ Thanks to a very generous donation from Outwood Shafton, our children have also received an Easter egg too! We are very grateful for their kindness.

On Monday, in Assembly I shared with the children a recording of all of the staff singing ~ you might like to have a look if you get chance on our school website! The children loved it.

Year 4 Robins Class Assembly on Tuesday, was a musical extravaganza with lots of lovely messages about how important music is in our lives. The children clearly enjoyed playing their brass instruments to a range of styles of music and song, we are very grateful to the support of our families and in helping them to practise. By giving our children such a wide range of opportunities, you just don't know where it will lead them in the future. Really well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Sutton, Mr Dodd, Mrs Summerfield and Mrs Musgreave.

Year 3 Hedgehogs Class Assembly on Wednesday was absolutely beautiful! The children brought the story of '**The Great Kapok Tree**' (linked to their Rainforest topic), to life in a very real way with movement, costumes and speech like the animals. We were all very impressed with how they projected their voices and spoke very clearly as well as remembering all their lines. Really well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Wilkie and Mrs Page and all of our family and friends who were able to join us.

The House Winners last week were:



Team Air (Yellow)



The proud winner of the Superstar Award this week is:
Dylan Bettley the Year 3/4 Owls



The proud winners of the Attendance Award for the last week were:
The Daffodils with 99.1%

With many thanks for your continued support and your lovely messages have been much appreciated, we hope to see you soon; we will miss you and our children very much.

Mrs Julie Allen MBE,
Headteacher