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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the daffodils are blooming and we are seeing a little more sunshine, the term is whizzing by and we are already over half way through. The children have embraced their learning enthusiastically and show their HEART values every single day.

### Sporting Success

We have once again been taking part in the SOKE games events and so far this term have entered the Touch Rugby and Girls Football events. All the children were complimented on their behaviour and sportsmanship. The Touch Rugby team came away in second place – as the team were very keen to tell me, just 3 points behind the school that came first. The football team then went off enthused to their competition and returned worthy winners.

As a school we endeavour to enable as many children as possible to access sporting events and competitions to experience the many benefits of sport. We hope that children may want to continue to be involved in these sports and would encourage parents to get in touch with Thorney Rugby Club and Thorney Football club for more information.



### Parking and Road Safety



Please think carefully where you are dropping off and collecting children or parking to walk them into school. We love the fact that so many of our children scoot, bike or walk to school and as the weather gets warmer and sunnier hopefully more will do so. We therefore ask you to think carefully about where you are parking and dropping off so that we both protect the safety of our children and respect access for local residents. We are looking forward to welcoming the Bikeability team into school in the next few weeks to support our children to learn the rules of the road and be responsible road users.

### Welcome

We were delighted to be invited to the induction by the Archdeacon of Oakham of the Revd Hayley Hobbs. The Induction service on Monday evening at St Matthews, Eye saw the wider community of Eye, Newborough and Thorney coming together to welcome Revd Hayley. We look forward to her visiting the school and working with her in the future.

### Trips

Year 3 recently visited Ketton Quarry as part of their curriculum work and had a fantastic time, as this added a relateable experience to the theory that they had been learning. We have two further trips planned for this term with Reception going to the farm to look at animals and their young and Year 2 to the seaside to investigate habitats. As a school we want to be able to offer our children as many opportunities as possible but also recognise that the current economic climate is challenging for many families and us as a school. We will therefore be running a viability survey before each trip. If you receive one of these forms please do fill it in as it helps us to plan effectively and ensure that trips are viable before any financial commitment is made. While contributions to any trip are voluntary, we are not always able to cover the shortfall if not enough contributions are received.



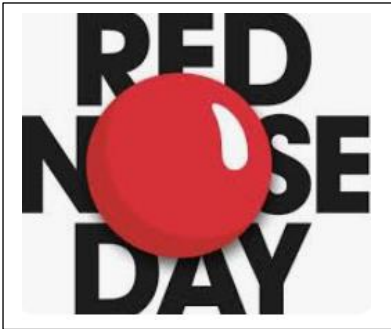
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### Red Nose Day and Bake Sale

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March - We would like to encourage everyone to wear something or everything red! Or if not, just wear non-school uniform for the day. You can donate online to the schools Red Nose Day Parent Pay page using the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17426>

The cake sale will be held at the end of the school day. We would be extremely grateful to anyone who would be willing to donate any cakes for us to sell at the sale, these can be either home-made or shop bought cakes. If you are providing a home-made cake, please may we ask that you include information regarding all of the ingredients used for allergy awareness purposes. Please name any cake tins and containers so that we are able to return them to you following the sale. Cakes will be sold for 50p per cupcake and £1 per slice, please bring the correct change if possible to make sales quick and easier for our School and Eco Councillors who will be running the stand.

### Staffing Updates

We are delighted to share with you that Miss James has had a healthy baby boy and I am sure you will join us in sending her and her family our best wishes.

Miss Hornsby will be leaving for her maternity leave at Easter and we have now appointed a teacher to cover her absence, we will be sending out more information on this soon.

Pre-school will be welcoming Miss Moore as Deputy Manager after Easter to fill the vacancy we have had since Christmas.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hales



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### Dates for the Diary

21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day and Bake Sale
25 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Reception trip to farm
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Hunstanton
24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability years 5 and 6
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Runathon
4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Term
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability Years 3 and 4
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Multiskills competition
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Inclusive Sport competition
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Orienteering competition
12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Professional Day – no children in school
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of term
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 AMVC move up day
14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Residential camp
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers performance am
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Thorney Abbey Service
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of term