

18th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We have weathered the storms, battened down the hatches and emerge hopeful that the weeks ahead bring glorious spring sunshine to brighten the days and warm the soul!

Parents/Teachers consultations take place next Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 26th March. If you have not already done so, please contact the school office to book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at the earliest opportunity.

Due to your generosity we have raised over £600 for **toilet twinning**, thereby making a significant difference to those in other parts of the world who are who are without these basic facilities. My deepest appreciation to the pupils who engineered the fund raising activities for this very worthy cause.

Well done to Year 3 who performed so well at the **Shepway Singing Performance** at the Harvey last week. My thanks to Mrs Driscoll who prepared and led our pupils throughout this memorable event.

This Thursday, 21st March is **World Downs Syndrome Day**. Pupils and staff are requested to wear odd socks and bright tights (if applicable) to raise awareness and greater understanding about people with Downs Syndrome.

Our race for the Herald Cup continues with a home fixture against Churchill Primary on Thursday, beginning at 3.45pm. Our **football team** played valiantly last week, though suffering their only defeat to date, against St Eanswythe's, losing 4 - 0. I am sure they will continue to give it their all in the remaining games ahead. Good luck!

Congratulations to **Lexi Perry** and **Sophie Balagova** who were awarded first and third place respectively in the 2019 Dignity Action Day Schools Writing Competition. Well done girls!

Yesterday, in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London, Miss Jaorska took part in a 10km race organised by the British Science Association to celebrate British Science Week. The race was called **Run with The Ancestors**. To her surprise, **Ivor Hopkins** (6WF) was running there too! He did so well and completed a 5km run together with his mother. Despite the horrible wind and rain, they both enjoyed the run. It is brilliant that children from our school take part in so many different activities in support of wider issues - we are all very proud of you Ivor.

Please note that we have advertised for a highly skilled **caretaker** position at the academy. If interested, further details including the job description, person specification and application form are available from the school office.

The date for our **Easter** service at **Holy Trinity Church** is Wednesday, 3rd April beginning at 9.30 am (ish). I hope you are able to join us for this important Christian event. For your diary, the next **Messy Church** will take place at St George's Church on Saturday, 6th April from 4.30 - 6.00 pm.

Parents of children in **years 2 and 3** are invited to a **Caterlink Taster** session on **Tuesday**, beginning at **2.45pm**. You and your child(ren) are welcome to try some of the delicious foods that Caterlink make for school dinners each day.

Thank you for participating in the Co-op scheme. The fund has now reached **£475**, and we still have until October to raise more money. Brilliant!



Finally, I am delighted to inform you that the governing body has two new **parent governors**, **Mr Lawson** and **Mr Carter**, both of whom will strive to make our academy an even better school for our pupils and our community. We are indeed very fortunate.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Kreiselmeier
Head Teacher