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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Spring Term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the very kind and thoughtful gifts that you provided for the staff at the end of term. They are very much appreciated by us all, so thank you very much.

Burglary

Unfortunately the school suffered a burglary in the early hours of New Year's Day. The perpetrator tried unsuccessfully to break in to the IT suite causing some damage to the frames, hinges and locks of two windows. He then managed to break in to the library from the courtyard and stole the library PC. Fortunately there was only slight damage to the interior of the room.

Our neighbours Dave James and Donna O'Carroll heard the alarm and pursued the burglar as he made his escape. They made a citizen's arrest and the man was taken into custody. I was called at 7am on New Year's Day and attended the school with the arresting officer, secured the school and assessed the damage which was light.

I would like to express huge thanks to Dave and Donna for their actions which are over and above anyone's expectations.

Cross country

Our cross country team will be back in action on Saturday 28th January at Hervines Park, Amersham. Letters will be going out soon.

Also our own annual cross country meet is taking place at Lowndes Park, Chesham on 4th March. As always I will be asking for volunteers to offer their support as marshals for the races. If you can help out in this way please let me know as soon as possible so I can arrange the marshal cover rota. Thank you.

Early reminder for parents' evenings

The parents' evenings for the spring term will be Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd of March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. The booking system will go live on Monday 6th of March at 9am.



VIAM

Year 6 will be getting extra busy in the next few weeks as they begin to prepare for the Voice in a Million concert at Wembley Arena on Thursday the 9th of March.

Mrs Mortali, our music leader, brought this amazing annual event to our attention last year and it was a great success as well as a superb opportunity for the children to perform at such an iconic venue.

VIAM is the brain child of Jo Garofalo and the organisation supports the great work of Adoption UK. For more information or to book your tickets for the show, if you haven't already done so, please visit www.voiceinamillion.com

Puzzle Day

Mrs Cartledge, our maths leader, has arranged a fantastic day of puzzles and problem solving for the whole school on Thursday 19th of January. The Happy Puzzle Company is coming in to school to lead problem solving workshops with each class in turn throughout the day. We are all looking forward to this event. For more information please visit www.puzzlechallengedays.co.uk/puzzle-challenge-days/our-workshops.aspx

I look forward to working with you all this term. Please don't forget to talk to me informally at the beginning and end of the school day or to make an appointment via the office if you have anything you wish to discuss with me.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely



Nigel Hoff
Headteacher

