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Dear Parents

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Coop

We are thrilled that after our application in December the Coop has chosen us as one of their charities for the next six months. Please make sure you log on to your account and select us as your charity for the coming months. To do this you need to log on to <https://membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in>. We would really appreciate if you could share this link with friends and family as well.

Funding Update

To date we have raised and have commitments for just under £20000. This is a great sum and one we should all be very proud of. We are still a long way off our target, I know like me you will all be doing as much as you can to continue to raise funds.

The Cricketers Pub has donated a further £500 to our school towards the sum we are trying to raise. Our thanks go to them for their continued support. You will have seen above that we have been chosen by the Coop for their support and we are hoping that our request to the Horsell Calendar this year will also result in us being chosen. Other companies and charities are equally stretched and have let us know that they will not be able to support us this year.

E-Safety and social media

As adults, we are often a few steps behind children in learning about new and exciting technology, which means we can be unknowingly placing children at risk of harm. Net-Aware is a fantastic website, created by the NSPCC, which can tell you if a website, app or game is suitable for your child. It provides you with a general explanation of what the product is and whether there are any age restrictions attached, as well as what risks it poses. We would like to encourage you to take a look so that you can stay up to date in today's ever-changing digital world.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Arts and History Fortnight

More details will follow in a couple of weeks; however this year's theme will be linked to ~~the~~ Alice in Wonderland and the paintings used over the years as illustrations. There will also be a strong tie to the history of our school and some of the paintings, leading to a Victorian dressing up day on Friday 9th June and when we ask the children to come to school as a child from the past.

Partnership working

It's almost that time of year when we begin to gather final evidence to make end of year judgements about your children's achievements during the year. This includes moderation of the learning in school and across schools. We have met with and will continue to meet with the other SWAN schools, the Woking Schools Learning Partnership and Surrey to moderate writing and mathematics.

Reading at home

Whilst we teach reading every day we know from research and our own experience the children who make the most progress practise reading 4 or 5 times a week at home. This need not take long, starting at 5 - 10 minutes in reception and building to 15 - 20 in Year 2. Please take the time to sign your name in your child's communication book, ideally alongside the date so we can see how much reading your child is doing and match this to their progress. Thank you for your support with this.

Academic dates for 2017 – 2018

On our website are the term dates for the next academic year, which include our INSET dates. The year's 'dates and events' will not be sent home until July. Hopefully the early publication of the year's term dates will make booking holidays easier and reduce the number of holidays we have during term time. 😊

Warmest wishes

Elaine Cooper