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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day today. Your donations make a real difference as they support projects and organisations which help people across the UK and around the world.

Over the next couple of weeks there are some awareness days that we will talk to the children about in school e.g. Down's Syndrome awareness – odd socks day, and Autism Awareness - wearing blue day. Other local schools may be following some of these themes but we have decided not to include the dressing up element of these, simply because the children have had three dressing up days quite recently, which is an extra strain on families, and we find the children can become quite over excited, making the school day more difficult for many.

We are however, gearing up for Easter. School will close on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, and we plan to spend the last three days of term learning about Easter and Spring celebrations.

Part of these celebrations will be an **Easter Parade** at 2.15pm on Wednesday afternoon, with an **Easter Bonnet competition**. We would like to invite you to make an Easter bonnet (hat or headdress) with your child at home. There will be a prize for the best bonnet in each year group, including our nurseries. Please send your bonnets into school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March so we have time to have a proper look at them all before choosing our winners. Thank you. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather as we are also planning an Easter Egg Hunt on the field that day!

As well as learning about the Christian festival of Easter, we will be taking the children to Church for an Easter Assembly and talking about Lent and sacrifice. This week is also the beginning of Ramadan, a festival that lasts a month for our Muslim families. Ramadan remembers the month the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It involves fasting and then a big celebration called Eid al-Fitr to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

We wish happy holidays to all our families and faiths.

Can I please just end on a more serious note; one of our pupils was hurt this morning by a Hamp Academy aged child riding a bike, unsupervised, on our driveway. If you have any older children who are accompanying you on the school run, please ensure they are under supervision at all times. We ask that adults and older children walk up the long drive please, pushing scooters and bikes alongside. We wish to encourage walking and scooting to school so the children are active but the driveway should not be used as a race track for the older pupils. Staff on the gate will ask them to stop and walk if we see them (this will include anyone on roller blades), but this can be embarrassing for them and for parents. Thank you for your help with this matter.

As always, please ask if you have any questions or need any support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher