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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came to the production of **Cinderella Rockerfella** which showcased the excellent singing, dancing and acting talents of Y4 and Y5. Thank you too, to all who helped behind the scenes, made the fabulous costumes and hissed, booed and aahed in the best pantomime style. We are grateful to Katie Pearson for her amazing make-up skills and the PTA for refreshments. Mrs Jepson, Miss Gibson, Dr Johnson and Craig all worked together and the technical set up of lights and sound added to the excitement.

We were very glad for parental support for "**Hats for Haiti**" recently. The collection raised nearly £250 and this has been sent to help the earthquake victims.

Our table tennis team, having triumphed in the county final, went on to beat Devon and now go forward to regional finals in Cheltenham. Glenn Daly also won the individual county tournament - a really good result. Thanks to Mr Doyle and Mr Bovett for coaching, and all the parent supporters who drive miles to follow the team.

Breakfast Club is thriving but has a few spaces still. Children really enjoy coming and can be dropped off from 7.45.a.m. You can use the club on a casual basis provided you register your child and check availability with Mrs Gill or Mrs LaCroix.

The children really enjoyed **Poetry Week** last week - especially the visit of poet James Carter and the chance to wear their poetry T-shirts last Friday. Thanks to Mrs Hunt for all her hard work in planning the week and for parental help in preparing the T-shirts so imaginatively.

PTA now has a new committee of keen helpers to take on the role of organising social and fundraising events. Thanks to Jo Cooke, Nikki Dyer and Rachel Robinson who are all standing down from PTA. Between them they have given countless hours of hard work and energy to the PTA - while staying cheerful and efficient through wet fete days and noisy discos. We are really grateful for all they have done and are sure the new committee will be equally successful.

A reminder please about parking outside school. Please don't park in the turning splay or block our neighbours' driveways. We have asked for help from the local police to check up on parking outside the school - so please make sure your car is parked safely.

The turn out of parents for the Maths target evenings has been really good - thanks for your interest. The next **Parents' Forum** will be on 4th March at 3.30p.m. Mr Simmonds will give a talk on how to make sure your children are safe on the internet. There will also be open discussion and refreshments.

After our success in winning the county wide schools garden competition, our prize of a new greenhouse is in position and was opened with due ceremony this week with the suppliers Monkton Elm in attendance. Well done to the children and Mrs Bazire for all their hard work in this area. Look out for their photos and an article in the local press.

With the kind expertise of Mrs Ballantine one corner of the school became a hide for the **RSPB Birdwatch** recently. The hide allowed lots of children to see new and unfamiliar birds. Did you know we have redwings and goldfinches on the field? The bird feeders and bird puddings the children have made are attracting a wide range of birds.

Our SENCO Mrs Wierzchleyska is now working on Tuesdays , Wednesdays and Thursdays. Appointments to see her can be made through the school office. Hannah Branch our Parent and Family Support Adviser is in school on Monday mornings. If you would like to see Hannah please contact her on 078185 80671.

Please see the list of dates attached and note that **School Mass** is on 28th February at St. Joseph's Church and **St. Joseph's Day Mass** on 19th March at school.

Best wishes for a good half term. Please help your children with holiday homework and make sure they keep up their reading at home.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Jones
Headteacher