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Dear Parents,

We have had another really good week at school. Thank you all for supporting our FOMS non-uniform day today, for donations for the Class Easter Hampers. Raffle tickets for the hampers will be on sale via FOMS class reps from Monday 22nd March and the draw will take place on Wednesday 31st March. Please encourage your family and friends to take part so that we can raise as much money as possible for the benefit of all our children at school.

The children are really happy and excited that we are holding our **Mereworth Egg Rolling competition** and our **'Lockdown EGGSTRAVAGAZA' competition**, with prizes to be awarded in both events. I have attached the Easter activities sheet as a reminder of the key dates and information.

Thank you all so much for the generous donations of reading books for our classroom libraries. We have distributed these across all classes and labelled them as part of our school colour-coded reading system. Please continue to drop off books before the end of this term. Thank you.

Important information about Rapid Testing using Lateral Flow Device tests for families of children attending school:

Please be aware that these are intended for use by adults and secondary school-aged children who DO NOT have any potential COVID-19 symptoms, not for primary school-aged or younger children. **If anyone in your household has any of the most common COVID-19 symptoms** (a new continuous cough, a high temperature of 37.8 degrees or above, or a loss of / change in your normal sense of taste or smell), **you will need to arrange a PCR test for them** (preferably at a test centre as these produce the quickest results). **The whole household must self-isolate whilst awaiting the results**. It is of paramount importance that we safeguard the community from the potential risks of virus transmission and we therefore ask that, if your child is unwell, you communicate directly with us before sending them to school so that we can advise and support you. We do not want to risk the closure of any class bubble, as this is very disruptive - both to the children's education and to family life and parents' work commitments.

Online support for parents: The App Store:

Please find attached a National Online Safety poster about The App Store. We recognise the challenges of ensuring that your child is safe online and each week we will provide information to support you as a parent. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any advice or support regarding the online safety of your child.

Additional parent information and diary dates for Term 4:

Week 5: Parent Consultations for Year R – Year 6.

Tuesday 23rd March Special Lunch menu – Vicious Vikings. Please see attached lunch menu.

Week 6: Monday 29th March children bring in their 'Lockdown Egg Eggstravaganza!'

Wednesday 31st March Special Easter lunch with Easter nest cakes / FOMS Easter Class Hamper Raffle / *Mereworth Egg Rolling Competition* in class bubbles.

Wednesday 31st March is the last day of term (Thursday 1st April is Staff Training Day).

Easter holiday from Thursday 1st April until Friday 16th April.

Week 1: Monday 19th April first day back for all children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Lavelle
Head Teacher