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Dear Parents

I am writing this end of term letter on Monday 26th March and it is a beautiful, sunny spring morning. I would like you to cast your minds back to those very difficult days over the past few weeks when we had endured arctic conditions with snow, ice and freezing temperatures. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding in helping us to keep things running as smoothly as possible under those very difficult circumstances. My message, for future reference, is that if in your opinion, your journey to or from school with your children is unnecessarily dangerous then err on the side of caution and keep your child at home. As it was we were only shut for one full day and there was some disruption to clubs and activities. When the weather is that bad we will not regard your child's absence as unauthorised because we will apply common sense to the situation.

Again I would like to say well done to our current Year 6 class for all of their hard work and success in gaining offers to next schools. They are looking forward to their activities week at Kingswood and they thoroughly deserve a really good time. The preparations for the summer school play production of Jungle Book are now underway. This wonderful group of Year 6 students is bursting with talent and I am confident that we have another barn storming success on our hands.

My thanks and congratulations to all of the pupils and staff who were involved in the Spring Term Concert last week, it was a huge success. The class assemblies this term have been without exception of a very high standard. A special mention for Mrs Dowling's LKG class who performed with confidence and enjoyment that was plain for all to see. The additional lights and sound equipment that has been generously donated by PFOG has been put to excellent use and will continue to add value to our use of the hall for all performance and teaching purposes.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Pumphrey will be re-joining us briefly this week and from the beginning of next term. In her absence I would like to thank all of the staff who have kept the sporting programme alive and well. We have enjoyed much success for boys and girls games in lessons and competitions. Mr Kemp has added his support to our teaching and a special thank you to him.

Our swimmers have enjoyed recent success at the ESSA championships and in the It's a Fish Out Competition. Our children also performed well at the ISA National Swimming Championships in London, as did our ISA hockey team at the Lea Valley stadium in London. Unfortunately the ISA National cross country championships had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Our netballers have performed incredibly well and I am particularly proud of the achievements of our Year 5 U10 team. A big thank you to my staff and to all of the children for all of their efforts on the sporting front this term.



Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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We have enjoyed the usual round of school trips and I am very proud to be able to tell you that the appearance and behaviour of our children is frequently commented upon in glowing terms by members of the public and the staff at various locations. There is no room for complacency, but again I would like to express my thanks to staff and children alike for engaging in a whole series of wide ranging external school visits.

The children have experienced a lovely PFOG disco and a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Wynn and Abigail for providing the entertainment. The PFOG team gave us a Glow Active experience day and the children were simply enthralled with the activities. Excitement levels were very high. We are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday and to the Easter break that follows immediately after the final assembly.

I wish you all a very safe and happy family Easter holiday.

With sincere best wishes

Mr Alex Gear
Headmaster