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Dear Parents,

I am sure those of you who were at the Hexagon on Sunday will join me in congratulating the choir for their superb 'Way Out West' singing and dancing performance. Our Lower Juniors also deserve high praise for their outstanding Rainforest production. Even if your child didn't take part I do hope you will find the time to read their information leaflets and look at the lovely art work on display in the central area. Also, a 'well done' to everyone who contributed to the 'Bling a Bottle' display - the very imaginative creations show just what can be achieved by recycling a plastic bottle. We are hoping to build a plastic bottle greenhouse so would appreciate you collecting 2litre plastic bottles to contribute to our 'Bottle Bank' next term.

Our chicks caused great excitement and I am delighted that they are now enjoying their new home on a certified 'freedom farm.' We are hoping that the Blue Tit currently in our nesting box (seen via the screen in the central area) will also provide us with offspring - you are very welcome to come in and have a look. The visit from Simon Watts, the TV Presenter to talk about the 'Ugly Animal Preservation Society' was also thoroughly enjoyed by the children and it was good to see so many parents joining us. My thanks to the PTA for providing the funding to enable our (your) children to have these exciting experiences. Through their hard work (and your generosity) so far this academic year the PTA have raised the following amounts;

Christmas Fayre £4228 ; Spring Term Disco £701.90 ; Coffee morning and Cake sale £73.05 ; Quiz Night £206.63

As well as saying a big thank you to all those who supported these events the PTA would also like to promote our up-coming events; Pamper Evening on Friday 9th May 2014 and the Summer Social on Friday 4th July, 6pm until 9pm. More information on these events will be coming soon in the book bags.

Although we forewarned you about the planned '**Improvement of pedestrian facilities on Headley Road East**' I'm not sure that any of us realised how lengthy the traffic queues would be. Please do not panic if you are stuck in the queues - we will wait! With regard to traffic - a plea from the Community Centre: When you enter the car park please follow the visitor signs that point to the right. The left hand route into the car park and the spaces in front of the Centre are for **Centre use only**. I shouldn't really need to ask you but, please do not park in the disabled bays without displaying a disabled badge. It doesn't matter if "It is only for a few minutes." or "The Centre is closed." (as we were told this week by a parent when he was challenged.) We are very fortunate to be able to make use of the Centre car park but I have been warned that if parents abuse the privilege the school will lose the facility.

And nearly finally many of you know Yvonne and Peter Glass and know how hard they have worked over the years to support the children, school and the community. The flower borders, hanging baskets and raised vegetable beds are testimony to Yvonne's very 'Green Fingers' and the many children Yvonne taught at Woodley C of E flourished (and continue to do so) under her care. I am delighted to let you know that Yvonne and Peter's contribution to the whole Woodley Community is going to be recognised with a Woodley Town Council Citizens' Award - a richly deserved accolade.

And finally ... On behalf of the Governors, staff and children may I wish you a Happy Easter and take this opportunity to remind you that school will close at 2.30pm on Friday for the Easter Holiday.

DATES

Minister's Assemblies—Emmanuel church

SUMMER TERM APRIL

Tues 22nd Inset - school closed

Wed 23rd Start of pupil term

Mon 28th Clubs start

Wed 30 7pm Yr 5 Secondary Selection Info Meeting

MAY

Mon 5th May Bank Holiday

Wed 7th Ministers Assembly Parents Coffee KS1 9am, KS2 9.30am

Fri 9th PTA Pamper Eve

Sat 10th 2-4pm MAD afternoon

12-15th SATS week

Fri 16th PTA Disco

Mon 19th Woodley Sports Week

Wed 21st UJ Trip Living Rainforest

Fri 23rd - Inset Day school closed

26th -30th - Half Term

JUNE

Mon 2nd PTA Meeting

Tues 3rd SATS Info Eve KS1

Fri 13th Float Preparation

Sat 14th Carnival Float

Thurs 19th Sports Day

Fri 27th-Mon 30th

Yr 6 Little Canada Residential

JULY

Fri 4th PTA Summer Social

Tues 15th & Thurs 17th

UJ Evening Performance

Wed 16th 2pm UJ Performance

Mon 21st Meet the Teacher

Wed 23rd 2.30pm - End of Term



Make - A- Difference Day

We are hoping you will join us to help with a general tidy up of the school site on

Sat 10th May from 2-4pm

More information available from the office.