

Dear Parents and Friends

The family of **Benny Lee**, who passed away in November, has passed on to school the proceeds of a collection in her memory. We intend to use this money to provide a seating area outside the children's entrance. As you will notice we have already begun to clear it and once the weather settles we will provide seating and planters. The intention is that this is used as a quiet area for the children to contemplate or read!

Reminders about **holidays and four INSET** days.....school is closed on the following days  
16<sup>th</sup> Feb to 25<sup>th</sup> inclusive  
20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March inclusive  
5<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> April inclusive  
5<sup>th</sup> May  
24<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June inclusive

Could I please remind you that the **office entrance** is not for accessing the classrooms or leaving the school. It is for access to the office only. Schools are at great risk of unauthorised entry and very soon a security system will be fitted to the internal doors. We also may install CCTV as we have lost many thousands of pounds worth of lead off the roof over the last few weeks,

I enclose a **world book voucher** for each child. Please ensure they are named. They can be exchanged at bookshops according to the instructions on the voucher, or at the school book fair on February 5<sup>th</sup> after school. If the children use these towards the purchase of a book with us we will put their voucher into a raffle with a book as the prize.

Very soon you will see the arrival of a "**gazebo**" (I love that word) to be erected on the field outside the children's entrance. We carried out a travel survey last year, which you may remember, and we have been awarded a grant towards a "shelter", for parents to wait in whilst collecting their children. The assumption is that more people now walk and cycle, rather than take the car, so this is necessary! During the day we will use it as an outdoor classroom. I have further meetings over the next week about **child-care**, so it is getting closer all the time; thank you for your patience but as you are aware we have had complications. **Janet Fowler** has retired from her post as dinner supervisor. Thank you to her for her support over the years. We also send our best wishes to **Vicki Burley**, who has been rather unwell. We wish her a speedy recovery. I'm also pleased to inform you of the imminent arrival of another baby **Kamin**, for Chris and Jules. **Emma Strong** is also expecting her second child, due before the school year end.

In accordance with our **healthy schools status** we will be changing the mid-morning snack to fruit only. At the moment some bring a sandwich, but all sorts are beginning to creep in, including the contents of lunch boxes. Starting next week please send fruit only.

Neil Dalton