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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it has been a fantastic week so far. The children have all returned to school brilliantly and it has been great to see everyone back together and so happy. It is a credit to you as parents and carers that they have all managed the transition so well.

Thank you so much for continuing to follow social distancing outside and for wearing face coverings. Let us hope that the Government's 'roadmap' is successful and that by June things are looking more like normal.

Hares about Town (Havens Hospices Appeal)

As you know, we are currently participating in a project with Havens Hospices called 'Hares about Town'. We had a school competition to decorate a model hare to go on exhibition in Southend and we are trying to raise money to support their amazing work. To support our fundraising we have two events coming up before the Easter break... our Easter Chocolate Raffle and our Non-uniform Day.



The Easter Chocolate Raffle

The Easter Chocolate Raffle will be launched this Friday with **tickets available from Monday next week**. The Christmas Chocolate Raffle was so successful and well supported that we thought we would go again! The children seemed to think it was a good idea! More information will be in this week's newsletter...

Non-uniform Day

On **Friday 26 March**, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing non-uniform, in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. For this day only, the Year 6 children who have PE can bring a separate PE kit into school to change for their lesson in the afternoon.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day 2021

This year's Comic Relief event will be on Friday 19th March. As we are taking part in the Hares about Town project, our Comic Relief plans are not as big as they would usually be. However, we still want to mark the day and we would like the children and staff to take part!

For this year's Comic Relief, we are inviting everyone to wear something red or a Comic Relief item of clothing to school. Unfortunately, we cannot allow red noses this year due to the current pandemic. Wearing the red noses would go against our health and safety risk assessment as we are asking the children to avoid touching their faces including their noses, mouths and ears. This is obviously to prevent the spread of the virus, as I am sure you can understand. If your child would like to donate money to Comic Relief they can give any money to their class adults. Donations are not expected due to our fundraising the following week for Havens Hospices.



Thank you and have a lovely second half to the week.

Yours sincerely,

C. McClay

Mr. C. McClay
Principal