

Dear Parents

What an amazing few days of fundraising we've had - the Macmillan Coffee Morning raised a staggering £307, which was our highest amount ever. On Monday, the food donations were vast and have been received by our local foodbank. We also had a collection in aid of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (a charity working hard to prevent some of our native farm breeds from declining and becoming extinct) - this was a most valuable total of £51 which was gift-aided to reach £67. We all enjoyed the service on Monday and it was great to see so many people able to join us: the children were in fine voice and rose to the occasion, so thanks to all concerned.

Next week is a normal week, but I will be absent for much of the day on Monday as I am a member of a headteacher/stakeholder group: we meet with Ofsted inspectors and have interaction with them from the perspective of heads of small independent non-association schools. As well as being a member of various social media groups for our minority sector, it's an ideal way to keep informed and up to date.

Please remember that we break up the week after next for half term (can you believe it!!) and we finish at 1.30 for staff training. Where on earth has the time gone!?

Finally, as you will appreciate, we take the safety and security of all our school members very seriously indeed and have been examining the latest requirements of all schools issued by the DfE for school safety in the light of any emergency. We are having a series of walk-through fire drills this term to rehearse our routines (we usually have a drill once a term at least but are trying lots of different scenarios this half term to put our evacuation protocol to the test!) Next half term we will focus on invacuation and lockdown procedures: we have run-through these in the past, but it's good to keep ourselves familiar with what are extremely unlikely scenarios. After half term I will contact you all to rehearse what our communication with yourselves would be if we were in a lockdown position.

On a brighter note, have a wonderful weekend!

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