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Dear Parents,

There was a sense of excitement this week as each child from Year 1 to Year 6 planted a tree in our school grounds. Thanks to Mr Davies, we received 60 trees of different types. Children in Years 5 and 6 had identified suitable locations at the front of school and the far end of the field, and we now wait to see, over time, the fruits of their labours. It was a perfect opportunity for them to use maths skills, ensuring trees were spaced suitably, with room for growth and another opportunity to engage in learning outside the classroom.

The focus throughout school this week has very much been on presentation and handwriting in particular. We shared the children's successes at our Celebration Assembly including a wonderful piece of independent writing from one of our Reception pupils. The whole school were impressed and children recognised that any pressure to improve was coming from our little people!

Other things happening in classes this week have included:

A times tables week in Years 3 and 4, where every child made progress.

Each time I entered EYFs, something new and exciting was happening. Today this was improving ICT skills; taking pictures using our i-pads.

Children in Years 1 and 2 have shared the Gruffalo story and were keen to share their much-improved handwriting with me earlier today.

In Years 5 and 6, the focus was on the quality and content of writing, as the children prepare themselves for Year 6 and 7 respectively.

In my haste to get the letter out last week, I forgot to thank the children who volunteered to represent us at Netball. The tournament was highly contested and each member of our team played their part for Byley. Thank you also to parents who again supported us in getting the children there on time – and home again afterwards.

You will have received letters this week regarding our visit to Chester Zoo, as we return from the Easter Holidays. Thank you to those who have already returned them. All we need to do now is hope for good weather on the day so that the children can make the most of this educational visit.

If your child has an annual membership card, they can gain free admittance as long as they have the card with them on the day. School will need to be advised beforehand, as we will need to inform the zoo of this.

Thankfully we appear to have seen the last of the sickness 'bug' and our much-improved attendance figures this week are back on track. They are:

Whole School – 98.3%

Reception – 98.5%

Years 1/2 – 95.7%

Years 3/4 – 99%

Years 5/6 – 100%

Well done to Years 5&6 who have achieved 100% attendance this week.

Future Dates for Diaries

Tues 21 st Mar	Masquerade – after school (9/10)
Weds 22 nd Mar	Racquet Skills Yr 3 @ MHS (1pm – 3pm) pick from MHS @ 3pm
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Years 1 & 2 Assembly – 9:15am in Hall (parents welcome) After-school Gymnastics (Yrs 1-2) with Sports Coaching 3:15pm-4:15pm (4/5) Football Tournament – Yrs 5&6 @ MHS (3:45pm – 5:30pm)
Fri 31 st Mar	PTA Cake Sale – 3:30pm in school hall Break for Easter Holiday 3:15pm
Tues 18 th Apr	School re-opens 8:45am
Weds 19 th Apr	Chester Zoo – Reception, Yrs 1-4 (leave at 9am – return 3pm)

Kind regards,
Kay Walsh (Mrs)
Headteacher