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Dear parents and Children,

Here is our final newsletter for this term.

First of all, thank you for your continued support for the school. These are challenging times for all schools as the educational landscape continually changes, not least as far as school funding is concerned. The good news is that the school is coping and indeed in many ways flourishing. We have achieved real progress this year with early reading and writing and our assessment information across the school shows that pupils are making good progress. Of course we face the challenges of new testing arrangements at KS2 and changes to our class structure but it is still our aim and belief that we can succeed providing a good quality education for all of our children. On this score I am pleased to say that pupil numbers continue to rise, we now have 198 pupils on roll and this will certainly help financially if we can maintain this number through the next academic year.

Some staffing news now. First of all we say farewell to Miss Spencer. In the time she has been here Miss Spencer has made a great contribution to the school, not least through her music- the choir and improvements in singing in school in general have been a real success and we will have to work hard to keep this going. Nothing stays the same however and we must wish her well with her future career and say thank you for the work she has done here. Well done and good luck!

Next, unfortunately, Mrs. Cliff is unable to return to work after the Easter break however we have been lucky enough to retain Miss Mackenzie to the end of the year so the children will have some consistency. We wish Mrs. Cliff all the best in her journey to recovery.

Our final term this year is a little longer than usual and it is important that all of the children maintain their efforts. Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y6 all have important assessments during this term and we will be reporting to all parents on the progress that children are making.

School closes on Thursday at 2.30pm. and re-opens to the children on Tuesday 12th April at the usual time. Monday 11th April is a staff development day and we will be looking at how we get the best use out of our learpads, amongst other things.

Please note there will be no after school club on Thursday.

Finally, thanks to all of the staff for their continued hard work and enthusiasm. We hope that you all have an enjoyable, safe and peaceful Easter period and look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer term.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson

