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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have finally reached the end of a very long half term (or, more precisely, 'eight fifteenths' term!).

Marilyn

Today we say a very fond farewell to Marilyn, our most magnificent school crossing patrol warden. She has been with us for almost twenty-five years during which time she has helped ensure that huge amounts (probably in the thousands) of children have safely crossed the road at Eglinton Avenue. As I have mentioned before, she is a hugely well loved and valued member of our school community who will be missed not just as our school crossing patrol but moreover as a much-loved friend to everybody. We have been so fortunate having Marilyn as 'one of the team' and we wish her every happiness in her hugely deserved retirement. On behalf of everybody associated with the school, as well as so many of the local community, I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to her for all her help, support and full-on-loveliness.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed towards Marilyn's leaving gifts, we bought her a Willow Tree Forget-Me-Not ornament, a Yorkshire terrier garden ornament & notebook, Garden Centre Gift vouchers, biscuits and chocolates.



Choir Festival

Well done to all of the children who were involved in this week's Choir Festival at St Nicholas' Church. They were fantastic in the way they performed and it was clear that everybody thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks to Miss Moscrop and Mrs Fawkes for their work in supporting the children and accompanying them on the day.

Parent / Carer / Teacher Consultations

Many thanks to all who have attended a consultation with your child's class teacher. We hope you found this a useful exercise.

Facebook

Thanks to all who have requested to follow our Facebook page and we very much hope that this will continue to develop our levels of communication. If you have not yet done so, you can follow the link to send a request. Please note only Parents / Carers of pupils will be accepted to the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/847369126892155>

'Love in a Box'

This year we will once again be supporting the Children in Distress 'Love in a Box' appeal. Children will have taken home leaflets about this and how / what to donate. Shoe boxes MUST be in school for collection on Monday 13th November. More information can be found on the website at <https://childrenindistress.org/shoebox-appeal-2023/>

Trading Cards

I am aware that there are some children in school who enjoy looking at trading cards. However, over the past few weeks we have been required to resolve a number of issues which have arisen as a result of disputes directly relating to the cards. As such, we will be asking children not to bring these into school anymore. If, inadvertently, cards do appear, we will look after them until home-time and then hand them to you for safe keeping.

'Wear a Hat Day' & non-uniform

Many thanks to all who supported the 'Wear a Hat Day' & non uniform today in support of Brain Tumour Research, I am pleased to inform you that £335 was raised. Fantastic effort, everybody.

Poppies

These will be available to purchase from Monday 6th November. We have attached some further information about 'minimum suggested donations' for some of the merchandise. There is no suggested minimum for a poppy.

And Finally...

As always, many thanks for all your support during this half term and very much hope that you are able to enjoy the break.

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Gibson