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Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking Year 5 for the extraordinary contribution they made to the school with their **Stations of the Cross** service this morning. Their dignity, profound thoughts and confidence in delivery enable children, staff and parents to draw a depth of emotion that is a rare and precious experience in all the hustle and bustle of school life.

Congratulations as well to **Year 4** for their exemplary behaviour at the Science Museum last weekend for their overnight stay – if only other schools could have followed their example!

Even after all these years, I'm still taken aback at some things that happen. Today was no exception when I learned that all **Easter Egg Hunt** forms arrived in safely and none had to be chased up. It makes a real difference to those organising such events – thank you. At the time of writing, the children haven't yet begun, although the sun is trying to break through the clouds and warm the field, but I've no doubt that it will be enormous fun and a great end to the term.

Looking ahead to the summer, if you're having a spring clean during the holidays, can you please remember that all sorts of different artefacts can be recycled for the **School Fete**, which will be held on Saturday 20th June. Old crockery can be smashed, old toys sold on, old books piled high and even old pieces of material can be used to make costumes for the **Jungle Jamboree**.

Other delights of the warm summer come along in the form of **headlice**. Having not mentioned them all this term I just couldn't resist a mention as the warmer weather seems to have brought them to life. Our cunning plan for defending our shores is that if you all check your children's hair thoroughly on the Saturday and Sunday before the new term starts we will, in theory, start headlice free.

It's difficult to keep an eye on children all the time once the holidays come, but there have been a couple of incidents in recent days where children on foot or on bicycles have put themselves in great danger on the **roads**. In one of the incidents, a child cycled out of the pathway through to the village green and straight into the path of one of our teachers who was, thankfully, very alert and performed a perfect emergency stop. Please emphasise with your children the need to remain off the list of statistics for road related injuries.

And finally... We return to school on Monday 20th April and will be joined by a production crew working on a new programme for CBBC. Year 5 are in the driving seat for this new venture, entitled **Planet Ajay**, which will see them taking part in a variety of activities that the producers are considering putting into the programme. This will hopefully be followed by a visit to the Maidstone Studios for some children to take part and others to be the audience for the first series of the new programme. All exciting stuff and another unforgettable experience for the children seems to be on its way.

Have a wonderful Easter,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

