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Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who supported the cake stall by making or purchasing cakes last week and in particular to Penny Ironmonger and Tricia Sparks for running the stall at the Farmers' Market. A grand total of £106 was raised for the **Friends of Horsmonden Primary School (FoHPS)**, all of which goes to benefit your children directly. Many thanks also to Karen Kartrieber for running the plant stall and Lou Stephenson on the ice creams yesterday afternoon under those lovely FoHPS funded sail shades, raising further funds for your children.

Year 6 had their own task this week to develop their **creative thinking strategies**. Once SATs are done and dusted we're able to concentrate wholeheartedly on preparing them for secondary education and beyond and this week they were engaged in an entrepreneurial activity. The challenge was simple enough and the winning team was the one that raised the most money. The losing team was brought back into the boardroom and, sure enough, several of them got fired! We won't publicise the names of those who got fired, but congratulations to the children for the way they worked together as teams to create success. Year 6 will now make the decision as to how to spend the money they raised.

At very short notice, we have been offered a **football and kwik cricket** day for the children next Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day is being run by Alex Hann from Charlton Athletic Trust, who has been one of the coaches working in school during this year and the opportunity has been offered because he really likes working with our children. It's free of charge to the children and all they have to do is turn up, sign in and enjoy the experience.

Our children have also proved popular with the **FA coach**, who was originally in for just one set of sessions with our children. However, they have proved so responsive and well behaved that after the mid-term holiday the FA will be coming back for their third set of sessions. It is so often the case that opportunities like these are directed to areas of deprivation and inner cities, so it's good to know that the children have been able to increase their opportunity by showing the very best of themselves.

The School Fete will be upon us quicker than you know and there are inevitably different things you can do to help out in creating a very special day. Please step forward and offer any services/goods for the **Silent Auction of Promises** to be held at the school fete. Are there are professionals such as architects who could offer a one hour site visit, Estate Agents who could offer a house valuation, Cooks who could make a dinner party pudding, Gardeners who could offer gardening. Could anyone offer babysitting, ironing, pet care, silver polishing, car washing to name but a few ideas. Every little helps!

Could you also start saving **items for the stalls** such as toys, puzzles, bric-a-brac, books etc. We will ask for these goods to be brought into the hall a couple of weeks before the fete, but if anyone is having a clear out before then, you can place items in the big box in the main reception.

Have a great mid-term holiday,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

