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Dear Parents,

Many thanks to you and to the teachers for the time invested in **parent consultation sessions** this week. It's good to have the opportunity to chat through successes and issues at this half-way point and we hope that the half-yearly report assisted the process. We do want some more feedback on that, though, as the one parent who has provided feedback so far may not be speaking for all of you. Many thanks also to the children in Year 6 who worked so hard to get you to your appointments and make tea and coffee throughout the evenings.

There's a flier about a **Family Learning Day** being held in school next Tuesday from 10 a.m. to midday, which will include art and craft activities, games and making pancakes! It's only £1 per family and is being provided by KCC's Extended Services department to support what we're doing out of hours, following some market research with parents here. Children will need to bring £1, enough eggs to make pancakes and a parent or grandparent.

On the subject of cooking (not my area of expertise, I'm afraid), I bring you a message from the kitchen of Beth Barritt:

*"Have you got a favourite family recipe? The kind you use over and over again? Please help FoHPS with our new fundraising idea. We would like to create a **Horsmonden School Family Cookbook**. The section titles are: **snacks, family meals, deserts, leftovers and cakes and sweets**. If you have a recipe you would like to share please send it to Beth Barritt (d.barritt@btinternet.com), alternatively you can hand them in at the school office. Remember to add your family name! We will be collecting up until Easter Break."*

We can all look forward to the recipe that will be provided by Mrs Thompson, who as well as teaching Year 1 is the current winner of Masterchef. Yes, really!

Many thanks for the contacts you passed on regarding **evacuees**. We were delighted to play host to 10 former evacuees, all of whom had stories of real value to tell. Chatting with Year 6 afterwards, many of the children felt quite emotional having listened to the evacuees and one of them commented how she felt a little guilty about having so much when the evacuees had made do with so little. There's a huge value in our approach to learning and I hope that our children can get just as much benefit at the end of April when we host Grandparents' Day.

I'm sure you will all be thrilled to know that as a legal requirement, we have now had our monitoring visit enabling us to hang our **display energy certificate** in the office window. This means we have to display an A3 poster which resembles those you find in a new fridge, along with an irritating list of recommendations that bear little resemblance to what is either practical or financially possible. What a wonderful use of time and resources!

And finally... with the snow once again having tried to cause disruption, I hope that the mid-term break offers some warmer airstreams and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 23rd February.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

Attachments:

- A Hop Farm Leaflet
- A Premier Sport Leaflet
- A Family Fun Day leaflet
- A "Little Kickers Leaflet (R - Y2 only)

