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Dear Parents,

Two months gone already? Whoa! **Family Learning** last week turned out to be a great success. The morning was organised by Kent's Extended Services Team to support our own out of hours agenda and in contrast to some others they've tried to run and had to cancel due to lack of interest, 40 children and 23 adults turned out to enjoy games, crafts and pancakes. The greetings children exchanged felt more like they hadn't seen each other for six weeks rather than three days, but the interest and support ensures we'll be offered more of this type of activity for our children.

Congratulations to the **Cross Country Runners** for stunning success on Monday, pulling in a couple of first places amongst the successes of the day. Running Club is one of our newest opportunities for children and it's such a boost to be enjoying success so early on.

We've got a new **battery recycling box** just inside the school office. Don't throw your old batteries in the bin so that they end up becoming toxic waste on landfill, bring them in, put them in the box and we can ensure they get properly disposed of.

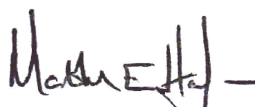
Do you have access to a **manual pallet trolley**? If you do, could you let Mr Coleman know, please. We want to move the playhouse in Reception into the courtyard and it will take more than the combined muscles and dodgy backs of the male members of staff to shift it.

Would you be able or willing to lead **Tuesday Infant Cookery Club** alongside our extended services staff in the summer term? If you might be, please have a chat with Margaret Wood as soon as possible so that we can plan ahead. HUGE thanks to Zoe Ferguson who has run the club since the autumn and, as many of you know, enabled your children to have enormous fun and produce an array of delicious dishes.

When **dropping your children off** in the morning, could you please avoid the temptation to shoot up the school field edge of Back Lane, perform a handbrake turn and shoot back down again, open the door and drop children off at speed. I've had complaints from neighbours and some of our children had to dive for cover the other morning.

And finally, Year 6 and several of us on the staff will be off to **York** on Sunday; Mrs Bassett will be in charge of the school for the week, so the place will be run properly at last. There will be no newsletter next Friday, but you can log on to the school website, www.horsmonden.kent.sch.uk each evening after about 9.30 p.m. to see photographs and text about the day's events. It's a great opportunity to build the sense of expectation for your children. Some of the Year 5 children will be holding temporary responsibilities and preparing themselves for being 'top class' next year, so all in all it's a bit special for our older children. Once they're back, Year 6 will keep their York sweatshirts as the first visible mark of their next steps in their school careers. Have a good week – we will!

Yours sincerely,


Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

