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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to all the dads who were able to join us on Wednesday morning, swelling our school roll by 128. Thank you also to the 44 dads who have so far volunteered to assist with the **Big Book Bus Project**. If you weren't able to get in on Wednesday morning, you will be able to sign up at parent consultations. We'll keep you posted on when things are likely to happen and hope that you will be able to join us on the relevant days of activity.

Keep your eyes open for the **Sponsored Mini-Marathon** on 30th April 2012 from 3.00 – 5.00pm in aid of the Meningitis Trust and in memory of Tom Allen, formerly of the Halfway House. This is very much an extra event over those that had been planned, but in a close-knit community it's an appropriate response to a sudden and unexpected death and I hope that there will be an astonishingly good turnout to support this special event.

There's a new After School Club being run by Premier Sports, which means your children can learn **Zumba!** Margaret Wood has full details available and the class will run from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. on a Friday, although your children will be supervised from 3.20. Numbers will have to be limited, so make sure you get your booking form in swiftly if your child is interested.

Next week it's **consultations with teachers** and the opportunity to talk about their half-yearly reports and their progress on their personal learning targets. For those of you new to the school, children don't come in to the consultation but (on Tuesday afternoon) will be able to wait in the hall whilst you are talking to their teacher. There will also be the big Travelling Books display, which not only enables your child to get a great new book, but helps the school to get great new books in commission.

This newsletter has arrived with you early because I'm joining **Year 3** on their trip to **Preston Manor** as part of their study on the Victorian era, which also explains the alteration to my facial follicles. Whilst writing, I'm watching a deeply dodgy weather forecast, so fingers crossed that in the morning it'll be fine on the roads.

We're promised **snow** over the weekend which means possible disruption around the county. We stay open if at all possible, although there are occasions when we need to open slightly later in order to ensure a safer journey for teachers. We'll keep you posted via the text messaging service, so you don't need to huddle round your wireless sets to hear what's happening, but last year I managed to get messages out by 06:45 to assist you in your childcare provision where disruption was unavoidable. Keep warm!

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

