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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week saw **Year 5** perform their class assembly to parents and the rest of the school. They shared their learning across many curriculum subjects including: biomes in geography, space in science and mark marking / portraits in art. The audience were particularly impressed by Year 5's musical talents where children sang in a 4-part round and performed a sea shanty using cups as their percussion! Well done Year 5.

We are also very proud of how pro-active our **Eco-committee** have been over the last few weeks. They planned and delivered their own assembly and have independently set up a litter picking initiative, hiring out litter pickers. The weekly paper recycling is also back up and running with the support from our new Site manager. Well done to all involved.

Birthday sweets

After careful consideration and for a number of reasons, we have made the decision that we will no longer give out any sweets or treats that children have historically brought in to share with their classmates to celebrate a birthday. We know that this decision may be disappointing for some pupils and families but we have to ensure that we avoid children with allergies being inadvertently exposed to something which may cause them harm and we do not want to contradict the important healthy eating message that school consistently delivers.

We ask for your support with the decision so that sweet treats are no longer shared at all on school premises. We will of course continue to celebrate birthdays in school. We have a birthday assembly each week for the younger children and will be agreeing with Year 4-6 how they would like their birthdays to be recognised in school. All children receive a birthday book which is kindly provided by the Parents Association funds.

Parent consultations for Reception will take place next week. Hopefully all parents have managed to book a slot using the school cloud system. If you haven't managed to do this then please contact the school office to book an appointment. Nursery parent consultations will take place during the week commencing 26th February and we will write to you in the next day or so about how and when you can book your slots with the team.

There are inevitably lots of coughs and colds in school at the moment. Please can we make our annual request for parents to support by sending in a **box of tissues** to your child's class please? Thank you very much.

Reminders:

- School **PE kits** should comprise of a school PE top (with logo) or a plain white T shirt and navy/black shorts. Children should not be wearing any other tops for PE sessions. Please can all children have their named P.E kit in school every day. Thank you
- If children have had any **sickness bugs** we do ask that they are away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness to try and stop these bugs from spreading in school. Thankyou

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