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Dear Parents and Children

Key Stage 1 was busy on Monday as they celebrated Chinese New Year. Mask-making, food sampling, lantern construction, Chinese writing were some of the activities which the children took part in in their houses. It was lovely to see children from the 3 year groups engrossed in learning and working so well together.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR GREEN – FOREST SCHOOL LEADER!**

After a lot of hard work – both practical and written – I am really pleased to be able to tell you that Steve Green, our Caretaker, Lunchtime Supervisor, Football and Netball coach – now has another job description as Forest School Leader! Steve gained the Level 3 Practitioner Award in a course which used the outdoor environment in a Forest School setting and this means that Steve can coordinate, manage and lead Forest School sessions for our school.

Once again, Foundation year children will be taking part in Forest School sessions in the summer term, and it is hoped that older children will benefit from Steve's knowledge later this year.....watch this space for details

**THE BIG WHITE WALL - A DESIGN COMPETITION OPEN TO ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

Thanks to those who have sent in designs already. Closing date for designs on Monday please!



**SLAPPED CHEEK**

There is a case of slapped cheek (parvovirus) in school at present. This is only a risk to anyone who is pregnant, so please be aware of this if your child starts to show symptoms of this virus. (It is not usually contagious once the rash is seen!)

**FOOTBALL MATCHES**

Our Girls' Team played in the Area Finals in Bridgwater last Friday and although they lost all their matches 1 – 0 (2 – 0 to the eventual worthy winners), Mr Green reports that they played extremely well and their play bodes well for the future. Well done to them. Special thanks to the parents who travelled to Bridgwater and supported the team so well.

The boys' team played in their league this week and won 4 of their matches and drew 1. Congratulations to them and thanks to parents for washing and returning the kit as quickly as possible.

**TODAY'S ASSEMBLY MUSICIANS**

Were Erin Staddon who entertained us with her clarinet and Maddie Fisher who played the saxophone. It was lovely to hear the mix of music. Thank you.

**THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

- Monday Brue class to Willow and Wetlands Centre  
Run 4 Fun club at Kings Hall
- Tuesday Exe class to Willow and Wetlands Centre
- Wednesday After school cake sale – thanks to parents of Brue and Sheppey children for providing cakes  
Church School Distinctiveness Working Party meeting at 4.00
- Thursday Choir to entertain members of Rowbarton Friendship Group
- Monday 6 Girls' Football match
- Wednesday 8 Netball match
- Friday 10 Reward Day – break up for half term holiday
- Monday 20 Return to school

Yours sincerely

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 HEADTEACHER