



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely week we have all had in school this week. It has been great to see the sunshine and signs that Spring may finally have sprung!

Well done to all the children who took part in the Braintree Schools KS1 Cross Country event on Tuesday. The children were enthusiastic, polite and super speedy! I was so proud to be able to transport some of them to the event and see them in action. They were a credit to the school, the official results have not been published but we got a lot of top 3 finishes – wow! Thank you to Mr Mills for ensuring the children get to access these opportunities.

In school there has been an increase in the number of reported covid cases again. As per the new guidance schools do not have to report these to parents but I would encourage parents to be diligent where possible and use an LFT if your child displays any symptoms. Some cases are not displaying the official ones, instead presenting through fatigue, sickness and diarrhoea.

The news continues to broadcast upsetting news from Ukraine and our thoughts are with those in our community who may have friends and family being affected. In order to support those in need we have decided, along with the Junior School, to split the money raised next Friday's non uniform day between both Comic Relief and the Disasters Emergencies Committee – Ukraine Appeal. We will also add a third option to the non uniform day of 'yellow and blue' - the colours of the Ukrainian flag. In summary, on Friday 18th March, the children may come dressed as a super hero, wear something red, or wear 'yellow and blue' for a suggested donation of £1.

It has been great to see lots of children recording over 4 reads at home a week. Those who do this consistently will receive a certificate at the end of term. Each time 4 reads are completed their name will be added to a raffle ticket for our grand prize draw at the end of term. Prize to be unveiled next week!

Thank you for all your donations at the book sale this morning. Mrs Turner is excited to use the money to replenish some of our reading scheme books across the school. It was also lovely to see some of you at the Year 2 Maths Workshop this week. Mrs Conroy and Mrs Kittles were pleased to share some of the ways we teach maths in school and how this can be supported at home. We will run a similar one for parents of Year 1 and EYFS in the summer term.

I hope the lovely weather continues at the weekend, have a relaxing weekend.

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Headteacher

