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Dear Parents/Carer

I would like to begin this newsletter by saying a huge thank you to everyone who voted for a member of staff to enter the gunge tank last week. By the time that we had counted all of the votes we had raised over £300. We even managed to have a staff collection to ensure that Mrs Pask joined myself and Mrs Haddock in being gunged. I am sure those of you who watched Comic Relief last Friday will agree that the money is going towards some fantastic projects both in the



UK and abroad.

Over the past week a lot has continued to happen. The Foundation Stage children had a great time going on a bear hunt around the school grounds. They have really enjoyed their theme this half term and are making brilliant progress.

On Tuesday our Bronze Young Ambassadors led an assembly in which they launched the Mile a Day Challenge. During the day the children had the opportunity to run/walk a mile. Some covered even further than this, resulting in a massive 415 miles being run/walked during the day. This was a fantastic achievement by all.

Yesterday our school football teams played their fixtures against Claypole. Both matches were extremely close and the teams played brilliantly. After coming back from 2-0 down the A Team drew level at 2-2 only for Claypole to sneak a goal at the end. The B Team went ahead with a well worked goal but Claypole managed to grab an equaliser in the second half. Both teams showed true grit and team spirit.

In last week's newsletter I told you about our success at the Grantham School Netball Tournament. I am also delighted to report that the team came second in the Grantham School's League. They played 14 matches and scored 92 goals!



Finally, today is the last day of term. The children return to school on **Tuesday 18th April**. Tomorrow is an INSET day for school staff. There will be a range of training taking place which will include first aid, fire safety and a look at ways to ensure that our curriculum becomes even more exciting than it already is. Have a great Easter.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Please help us with attendance

We are desperate to improve the attendance of pupils here at school. Our own internal tracking shows that there is a significant link between the attendance of pupils and their achievement. We are currently really focusing on the attendance of girls which is significantly lower than that of boys and would appreciate your help as we seek to gain our best attendance levels ever this year. This half term has been a huge breakthrough for us with the pupils attending 96.5% of the time – this is a fantastic effort. However the attendance since September is at 95.5%. Whilst this is rising each and every week we need to maintain the current levels in order to ensure that all of the children get the education that they deserve.



Facebook and Twitter

Don't forget that you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We use both platforms to let you know of any significant updates during the week and also to show what has been going on in school.

Year 6 SATs

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the following dates. If you have a pupil in Year 6 then please remember the dates and ensure that your child arrives at school promptly:

8 May 2017	English reading
9 May 2017	English grammar – Questions
	English grammar 2: spelling
10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Dates for your Diary:

31 st March	INSET Day
18th April	Children return to school
8th -12th May	Year 6 SATs