



## Headteachers Weekly Update Friday 26th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everybody. I hope you have had a great week.

We've had a fantastic day today celebrating our Netherlands Day in school. The school was awash with orange everywhere and we had a great time playing traditional Dutch Koningsdag games including Eierlopen (egg and spoon race), Zaklopen (sack race) and Blikgooien (can toss). In the afternoon Jozua presented to each class all about Koningsdag (Kings Day) and even taught everyone a few Dutch words. Thank you to Jozua, Hylke and Marinthe and their mum for all their hard work and preparation in leading such a memorable and happy day. It is great to celebrate the diversity of nationalities represented within our school community. Parents, if you would like to help us arrange future days for other countries represented within our school please do get in touch; we'd love to hear from you.

**Smoking outside school:** The children across school would like to thank parents for listening to the school council's letter around not smoking outside the front of school in the mornings and afternoons. They have noticed and commented on the difference since their letter and appreciate that parents have listened to their message.

**PTFA Marathon Challenge:** Lots of children have been working hard at running a mile each day this week as part of the PTFA Marathon Challenge. All children are welcome to take part and get running each day. These are the links to sign up and raise money as part of this challenge. Sign up form: <https://forms.gle/JuCiYdkDxdrvE3PfA>

JustGiving Page: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/RAPSMARATHONCHALLENGE2024>

**PTFA Dad's Football:** Talking of keeping fit and active, you would have received information about the Dad's Football earlier today. Do get involved if you can.

**Gate Reminder:** The school gate **closes at 8:50am** each morning. Please ensure your child is in school on time every day so they can start the day positively and make the most of the opportunities in school.

If you have an encouragement or suggestion to share please do take a quick moment to complete our **Friendly Feedback Form**.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd072Mv\\_gmGhe18XhWtTK36Ev-uMBtzG1SachpqjDJ3McUNAw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd072Mv_gmGhe18XhWtTK36Ev-uMBtzG1SachpqjDJ3McUNAw/viewform)



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Thank you to those who have done so already. We do look carefully at these and are already taking action on a number of your helpful suggestions. We are also very grateful for your kind encouragements.

**Dates for your Diary:** Don't forget to check the dates for your diary for all the upcoming events with lots of things happening over the exciting summer term including Year 1s performance of Red Riding Hood at 9:30am on Monday morning.

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**Prayer:**

*Dear God,*

*We thank you that our school is made up of children and families from many different backgrounds and cultures. We pray that our school will always be a welcoming place for children, families and staff from all backgrounds. We pray that our celebration of Netherlands Day will serve to help us be grateful for the world you have made and everyone in it.*

*Amen*

Have a good week everybody.

Kind Regards

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