Good afternoon,

I hope everyone has had a good week.

**Ramadan**

Please do let us know if your child will be participating in Ramadan in any way from next week. We are happy to support the children who may be trying to participate in fasting but it is helpful to know from yourselves if this is the case.

**John retiring**

John, the lollipop man is retiring, with his last day being next Friday, 7th March. I am sure you will all want to make sure you have said goodbye to him. The post was advertised for a replacement but we have not been told of the outcome of this yet.

**Parents Evening**

Primary 7 will be selling some home baking at Parents Evening next Thursday to raise money for their leavers outing in June. Please bring along a little cash if you would like to buy some.

**Asda fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who helped us to fundraise through Asda. The school received more than £500 from this.

**Family Partnership meeting**

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to the Family Partnership meeting last night; I think that might have been the highest number of people I have ever seen at a meeting.

I reported that:

* Our pupil numbers and staffing will remain the same for next session and we will hopefully be offered a newly qualified teacher for next session again. We should remain at 9 classes.
* We have been invited for a second time to showcase our work on anti-racism at a local authority level – with staff and children going along to present on this work.
* I have been sitting on a national group for Literacy related to the refresh of Curriculum for Excellence which has been a good opportunity to keep abreast of national developments.
* With our little remaining Pupil Equity Funding we have ordered further keypads which can be used with the iPads to support children who would benefit from typing more.

**Message from the Family Partnership:**

*The newly formed Family Partnership are looking to formulate priorities for the next five years, and we’d like your thoughts.*

*The Partnership is looking to gather evidence to support a funding application to make improvements to both playgrounds at the school. We’d love to hear from the families about what makes a good playground.  We’d like to have this information back by****Wednesday, 5th March*** *to make the funding deadline.  If we secure funding, we aim to further engage the children and families in the design process.*

*We don't need you to provide personal contact details (though you can if you wish), and we will reach out again in the future with further questions and updates.*

*Please complete the survey below to tell us your views:*

<https://forms.gle/JB9U9AfpYhydQ78Q7>

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend; mine is certainly not going to start well when discovering this morning that I have an escaped snake to find!

Best wishes

Caroline