Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe that we are writing the final newsletter of the Spring term! As we approach the end of term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and encouragement. The year 4 team have been reflecting on the fantastic progress that the children have made and the fun times we have had this half term.

The children did so well in their class assemblies. That saying, 'It will be alright on the Night' was certainly true in this instance. Additionally, year 4 have been frequent winners of the attendance award that Miss Oliver presents every Friday to the class with the highest attendance in the school. Without you ensuring that your children are in school every day and on time, this would not have been possible, thank you! Also, you may recall before Christmas that the children wrote stories based on the book 'The Queen's Handbag' that were entered into a short story competition organised by the Royal Mint Museum in association with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Well... just recently we received very exciting news that Abigail De Los Rios (4SI) was selected as 'highly commended' with her story 'The Queen's Dalmatian's Solid Gold Collar'. Her story was chosen as a result of stages sitting from nearly 550 stories from all across the UK. The judging panel met and decided the winner of the competition. Abigail's story was one of the final ten, so it really did do very well indeed. She has therefore won a Platinum Jubilee commemorative coin and her story will be published as part of the museums winners' gallery.

Finally, we appreciate that homework is not usually given during the holidays, however since we will be starting our new English topic on Biographies after Easter, we have given the children a sheet (as below) that they will need to complete based on a member of their family. We ask that the children bring this into school on their return (please do not put on seesaw) as they will need to use this in their lesson.

Reminders

Roman Day

We will be having a very exciting event for children in Year 4 on Friday 1st April when we will hold a Roman Day at Danegrove. Year 4 have been learning about the Romans this half term and this will be a lovely way to finish the topic. We are asking for parents to help as we would like the children to dress up as a Roman for the day. Please do not feel that you have to buy something, making an outfit is a great way to get creative. We cannot wait to see the children's outfits!

Last day of Term

A gentle reminder that school tomorrow, 1st April, ends at 3pm (Windsor Drive). If you have children in Foundation or Year 1, they finish at 2.40pm (Ridgeway Avenue).

In year 4 this week:

- In English, we have continued to learn about the features of 'persuasive writing' and have been planning to write our own advert for the Roman sandals that we made in DT.
- In Maths, we learnt how to multiply a number by 10 and 100.
- In Science, we did a short test about what we have learnt so far about human/animal teeth, the digestive system and food chains.
- In History, we celebrated the end of the topic with a Roman day. The children took part in Roman dancing and games.
- In DT, we evaluated our sandals (pictures below).

Homework

It is important for children to do their homework in order to prepare them for upper key stage 2 and beyond. Therefore, after the Easter Holidays, if the children have not submitted their homework on seesaw by the end of the day Tuesday, then they will be asked to complete it during their lunch hour on Wednesday. We thank you in advance for supporting your child with this

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school PE kit on both days (Tuesday all classes, 4SI Thursday and 4TK and 4JJ Friday). Please see the school website or speak to your class teacher if you are unsure. Finally, please can we have some boxes of tissues for our classrooms as there are many runny noses at the moment! Thank you to those parents who have already donated.

Just as a gentle reminder, both gates open at 8:40am - children are expected to be in class by 8:50am at the latest. This is very important as in this time the children complete their early morning work.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to send us a message on Seesaw or come and speak to us following the dismissal of the children at the end of the day.

Thank you and we hope you have a great Easter Break

The Year 4 Team

Homework

Please complete the sheet below (you have also been given a copy of this).

Research about a family member

For English, we would like the children to do some research about a family member for their biography writing after the Easter holiday. They should find out details and record them in **note form** under subheadings:

Early life: (When and where were they born? Who were their immediate family (Parents, siblings)?)

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Childhood: (Where did they go to school? Which year? What did they like? What were their earliest memories?)

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Education: (Where did they go to secondary school? What did they study? Did they go on to university?)

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Career and hobbies: (What was their first job? What do they do now? What are their hobbies)

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Family: (Did they get married? When? Do they have children? When were they born?)

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Other interesting facts about their life: (any funny stories, have they travelled?, any personal achievements)
Extension: Include a quotation that you can use in your biography.

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Maths

Task 1: Go to the following website https://tt.serveweb.co.uk/new/ and give it a go! **Please let your class teacher know your score.** You can practise as many times as you like.

<u>Reading</u>
Please read for 20-30 minutes each day. Fill in your reading log whenever you complete a book. Don't forget to give it a rating. When you reach the milestones that are printed on the log you will receive a prize in assembly. Please remember to use **Bug club** regularly to help improve your reading. All students are expected to read <u>10 Bug club books per term.</u>