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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have some sunshine this week for us all to enjoy; the signs of Spring are showing themselves in the school garden and the children are enjoying their outdoor learning sessions.

Our Community Club last Sunday was very productive. The pond area was transformed with many willing hands on site. The bushes were pruned back, pathways were cleared of any rubbish, leaves and dead growth. Pathways were reinstated using logs to demarcate them and the back chippings were spread to make the paths more accessible. This will make it much easier for the children during their outdoor learning sessions.

We will need lots of help for our next Community Club session as we are going to build a new composting area inside the Edible Garden. The children will be able to learn about composting on site and use it to mulch the fruit and vegetable plants they are growing. Please look out for the next flyer and sign up to give us some help - any knowledge or skill in this area will be greatly appreciated along with any supportive chat!

World Book Day was full of fun and creativity and gave us the opportunity to celebrate our love of reading. Children and staff dressed as characters from a huge range of books and enjoyed the opportunity to share their favourite stories and the magic of imagination. This year, our classes enjoyed a fun-filled day with activities like Book Swaps, Storytelling Sessions and Reading Quizzes. We hope this special day inspires children to develop a lifelong love of reading!

Our school governors spend a morning in school each half term to help them to see the school in action and the impact of their work. They spent a busy morning in school today meeting with some of our many pupil leadership groups and hearing about the progress we are making in school with our action plan priorities. They were very impressed, as always, with the articulate and well-informed feedback they got from the children and the scope of work undertaken by staff in school.

We would like to wish a blessed Ramadan Mubarak to all those who are celebrating. We are committed to ensuring that the month of Ramadan is a smooth and positive experience for all children who are observing the fast, while also prioritising their health and well-being. As in past years, we kindly ask that you inform us if your child is fasting. You can do so by emailing your child's class teacher via the year group email. Please note that if we do not receive notification, we will encourage your child to take their lunch as usual but we will of course make every effort to contact you for confirmation. We also ask that fasting children bring an emergency snack and water to school, in case they feel unwell; if necessary we may suggest they use this snack and water to break their fast. Our goal is to ensure that children fasting can participate in their activities safely and we continue to prioritise their well-being during this time.

You will have received emails from us this week about the new registration procedure for parent/carer evenings. If anyone is having any difficulty with this, please let the school office know. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you on Tuesday 25th March or Wednesday 26th March.

We are holding our **STEM Fair next Tuesday** after school in the main hall and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen Carvall