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Dear Parents and Carers

First, the good news! Last night at County Hall in Oxford, Eileen was presented, by the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, with a Chairman's Award for Excellence at a reception held for the successful nominees from across Oxfordshire in a range of occupations. She was nominated for this by Angela Spencer-Harper in recognition of her outstanding contribution to school life, organisation and efficiency. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her on this official recognition.

Now the bad news. Our lower KS2 teacher, Miss Howse, has just accepted an offer of a teaching post in an International School in Switzerland, commencing in September. We wish her all the best in this new phase of her career but I know we will all be sad to lose her. In the time she has been with us she has achieved a great deal and we have benefitted greatly from her enthusiasm, expertise and commitment. We will be advertising very shortly for an experienced teacher to fill the post.

Now some interesting news. There is at least one case of threadworms amongst pupils in the school. It goes without saying that this is extremely contagious and you might want to ensure your children wash their hands extremely well and maintain a closer watch than usual on hygiene; not swapping water bottles, etc. Common symptoms include tummy aches and itchy bottoms at night. If you would like further information about symptoms or treatments available there is a printed sheet in the office you might find useful.

Regarding the potential human pandemic, which we hear so much about on the news. Our guidelines from Oxfordshire County Council are that if you or any of your family have flu symptoms please inform the school at once and do not send children in to school until they have fully recovered. If you or any member of your family have returned from Mexico and feel unwell please keep children away from school for at least five working days to ensure no further spread of the disease. Again, vigorous attention to handwashing, scrubbing nails and not swapping water bottles etc are the most effective preventative measures to take.

The happy news. Ann Gass and Lizzie Howse would like to say a big thank you to all those parents and children who wrote book reviews. They were all of a very high standard. If you haven't done one – there is still time! Forms from the office.

It's no news that we will be expecting to see lots of people tonight at the Village Hall when our annual Stars at the Well extravaganza takes place. See you there.

It may be news to some, but Monday is a Bank Holiday. We return to school next Tuesday, 5 May.

That's the end of the news.

Yours sincerely

Steve McTegart
Headteacher