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A letter went out to Reception parents yesterday, sharing some great news! We are happy to be able to tell you Miss Bateman is pregnant. More details will follow.

A week ago today we had our Art Day. Part of this process is celebrating winners, and children dealing with competitions, so I am very pleased to announce our winners and highly commended work. The winning child in Reception, was Alys - Lola, Esme and Tom also won house points for their teams. The winning child in Year 1/2 was Tegan - Ellie, Oliver, Freya, Freya, Molly and Phoebe also won points for their teams. The winning group in Years 3/4/5/6 who were working together was Water House. Overall the current joint leaders are Air and Water House, with Fire and Earth very close behind. Next week we will be having a writing competition.

#### Message from the HS2 Working Group.

Since the new school term there have been a few near misses involving school children on the zebra crossing on the High Street. HS2 traffic accessing the Chipping Warden site has already started to use the A361 through Byfield and the road is only going to get busier. There is a HS2 Road Safety Fund for traffic calming, safer pedestrian crossings and junctions in towns and villages along the HS2 construction route. Northamptonshire Highways have been awarded £1.65million of this fund to use across the whole of Northamptonshire. Due to the number of villages in Northamptonshire effected by the HS2 construction this fund will not go far. The Parish Council are working closely with Northamptonshire Highways to ensure that Byfield is included as part of this scheme and as a minimum we get safer crossings for the village. The Parish Council have also requested the help of our local MP, Chris Heaton Harris.

The bigger our voice the more likely something will happen. Please email Chris Heaton Harris to request his help in getting Traffic Calming and Safer Crossings for Byfield.  
email: [chris.heatonharris.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.heatonharris.mp@parliament.uk) and [sarah.peck@parliament.uk](mailto:sarah.peck@parliament.uk)

#### Kiwi Class

As part of Kiwi classes investigations into Rocks and Romans they will be doing a range of hands on activities in class. If you have any empty and clean 2 litre plastic bottles we could have that would be much appreciated. Please could you bring these in by Friday 1st February. Thanks. Mrs Williams

### **After School Clubs**

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

**Breakfast Club** – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session

### **Governors**

#### **School Hall - A lasting legacy**

We are all excited that work is progressing with the building of our new school hall. This work has been possible because of a successful bid to the Government's Condition Improvement Fund. However, we still need to raise funds to make sure the hall is fully kitted out with new sports equipment, catering facilities and audio-visual facilities.

#### **Legacy Donors**

Anyone who donates £20 towards the school hall will have their name recorded and displayed permanently within the new hall. This is a way we can celebrate, in a lasting way, the contributions that people make. Please place donations (cash or cheques to "Byfield School") in an envelope marked "Legacy Donor", and clearly indicate the name you would like to be displayed, then hand in at Reception.

#### **Naming the School Hall**

You may wish to make a substantial donation, in return for having the school hall named after yourself, your family, or perhaps a loved one *in memoriam*. Please contact the Headteacher to arrange a meeting if you would like to discuss this option.

Any support you can give to the School is hugely appreciated and helps us provide the best facilities we can for your children.

With thanks Sarah Burke Chair of Governors

### **Dates for the Diary**

*String music lessons – every Wednesday      Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday*

*Keyboard lessons – every Thursday*

*PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day, PE lessons will be weather dependent. We also have some sessions for PE booked at the village hall.*

*Celebration Assemblies Monday – Kiwi Tuesday – Owls Thursday – Penguins Friday – Robins*

*Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am (Village Hall until further notice)*

*Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school (Village Hall)*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 Able Readers Group – visit from Southam College Librarian

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Height and Weight checks Robin Class and Year 6s

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Hotshots Village Hall 8am

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Art Competition

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – break up for half term 3.15pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – school opens 8.45am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Group photos – classes, clubs, music groups etc

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Cross Country Event – Woodford Halse Primary School