THANKS A MILLION!

In keeping with our theme this week of "Excellence: being the best you can be" we celebrated one of the great strengths of our school on Wednesday: reading! Millionaire readers (and staff), those who have read a million or more words in our library scheme were congratulated as were those who have supported younger children as ‘Reading Buddies’, been librarians or taken on the Lexia course this year. Some students read extracts from their favourite books and we heard letters from our ‘twin’ school in Ghana, The Lizalex School, to whom we have donated books for their library (named after our school!!) The quality of reading in our school and the standards achieved in recent years are astonishing and rightly the accomplishments of so many are celebrated.

Easter Service

Our Lenten Liturgy, our end-of-term Church Service at St Edward’s took place yesterday morning. It was a lovely service following the story of the ‘Stations of the Cross’ – Jesus’ trial, death and burial in 14 stages. There were prayers and fabulous musical performances from soloists singing and playing piano: Stefano Bassi, Annie Highton, Isabella Holdsworth, Amelia Buckland and Ellie Leamon. Well done to all especially all the readers and leaders of prayers.

Year 8 to France

105 Year 8 students returned safely from a fabulous trip to Normandy last week. The weather was spectacularly good, the sea crossing calm and every day brought a new experience, a chance to practise French speaking or absorbing vocabulary and improving listening. We learned about D-Day and the building of a ‘temporary’ harbour at Arromanches, parts of which are still visible. Later, on the way home, we visited the huge American military cemetery at Colleville. We visited a hypermarket, boulangerie (bakery), goat farm (VERY popular! Who knew how much we LOVE goats?) and the spectacular Mont St Michel. Thanks to everyone who took part especially Mrs Bird who led the trip.

Summer Uniform

As trailed in the last Serfboard Newsletter and the Governors’ Survey feedback, you should have received news of changes to the after-school library service next term and also the addition of boys’ shorts as an option on the Summer Uniform list. The Uniform list on the website has now been updated so please do look there for up-to-date information. Summer Uniform is permissible in Terms 5 & 6 (ie after Easter until July) when it is possible for boys to wear the short-sleeved badged shirt without a tie or jumper. If they need to wear a jumper they should also then wear their tie. This is so we keep a smart and formal appearance. Now, boys will also have the option to wear shorts in the style specified in the uniform guidelines if they wish. Girls already have the option of a ‘revere’ blouse (worn with no tie) and a skirt as a cool option in warm weather. In order to preserve the uniformity of appearance we are now specifying that all students should wear dark grey ankle socks with shorts or skirt. Girls have previously been wearing white, grey and/or black (no trainer socks in any event please.)

Next Term

Term 4 ends today at 2pm. We hope that you all have a relaxing and safe break and a joyous Easter. We return to school the day after Easter Bank Holiday Monday on Tuesday 23rd April at the usual time.

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