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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come (almost) to the end of the Spring term and what a busy term this has been. Besides being engaged with new learning, the children have been involved in all sorts of exciting events. Last week children and staff dressed in 'onesies' to raise awareness of Autism in our Autism Awareness Week. At the end of the week we had a very successful parents meeting. Thank you to Mrs Walczyk for speaking to other parents at the meeting about what it's like being a parent of a child with autism. It was lovely to hear so many positive and uplifting responses from parents. It's clear that we celebrate autism and we will continue to work together to challenge stereotypical views and opinions of children who are perceived to be different. We teach our children that we are fortunate to have so many unique children at John Perry and we need to celebrate our 'uniqueness'!

We had more dressing up for World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Thanks to your generous donations, we've raised **£308.40** for the BBC's Comic Relief. The money we've raised for Red Nose Day will be put to work, transforming lives across the UK and the world's poorest communities. We took lots of photos of children dressed as book characters for World Book Day. Have a look at our website to spot your favourite character.

Attendance at John Perry is improving. Parents are aware of the importance of regular attendance to children's learning. I would like to thank those parents and carers who make an effort to bring their children to school on time, every day. This term we have more than 50 children with 100% attendance across the school. We have invited parents and carers of those children to our end of term assemblies on **Friday, 7th April, at 11:20**. Children will receive their certificates and 100% attendance badges. They will also stand the chance to win one of the fantastic prizes. We look forward to even more children earning the attendance badges and certificates next term.

It was good to see so many parents, carers and families at our parent-teacher consultation days last week. I'm sure you have had a chance to speak to your child's teacher about their progress, their areas of strength and what they need to do to improve in their learning. Thank you to all who completed the online parent survey. The parent survey is still active on the website for those parents and carers who have not had the chance to complete it at school. We look forward to seeing parents and carers of Yr 2 and 4K children who have their second consultation on Thursday, 6th April. These consultations will start at 15:30.

On Thursday, 6th April, we have our Easter egg and Easter bonnet parade. Mrs Cross sent out letters last week, so I hope to see lots of creative entries. You still have time to decorate your egg or make your bonnet – so keep working at it! Thursday is also the day of the Winning House reward. We have a lovely treat for the children of **Green House, who are our Spring term winners**. I would like to congratulate Green House children for working hard to get their house to the front of the pack. Your teachers will tell you more about your reward.

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Thursday is going to be especially busy because we will also be having our Golden Table celebration. Children who show consistent good behaviour in the dining hall at lunchtimes will get to be served at our Golden Table. Invitations have been sent out to children this week. The Yr6 House Captains and School Councillors, responsible for awarding tokens for the Golden Table, will themselves be served at the Golden Table on Friday. School Councillors and House Captains; Osroush Sabir, Aileen Akosh, Amina Secka, Charlie Heath, Hayden Merry, Joshua Piso, Kieran O' Brien and Yacine Baghdadi have given of their time every day to monitor behaviour in the dining hall and reward children who consistently show good behaviour. Fourteen names have been randomly drawn from the list of all children who have been awarded tokens. These lucky children will be served at the Golden Table, the rest of the children who have earned tokens, will be awarded with special certificates for their outstanding behaviour.

Children who have not lost any Golden Time will be invited to attend our Diamond Time disco on Friday, 7th April, at 10:00 in the Juniors hall. This is always a popular event and we are seeing more and more children earning this privilege. Class teachers will inform children to bring their disco clothes along on Friday. I look forward to seeing children showing off their dance moves at our disco.

You may have noticed that we are erecting a new fence along the school perimeter. We have taken down the short, wrought iron fence and replaced it with a higher fence in John Perry blue. We want to ensure that our children learn and play in the safest environment and our new fence is just one of the ways that we have been making improvements to our school building.

We have listened to your views about improving communication. We send regular emails, newsletters and texts to parents and carers about events in school. Our new website also includes important and current information about the curriculum, educational visits and what children are learning. We are improving the way we send our text messages. As from **24th April 2017**, we will be changing the way we send text messages. To continue to receive text messages from the school, you will need to download the **Groupcall Xpressions App**. The app is completely free of charge to you and it can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It supports Apple IOS and Android devices (with Windows mobile to follow soon). If you have not yet received a leaflet, please call in at the office for one; it includes instructions about how to get started.

Parking around school has improved. Thank you to those drivers taking the safety of the children and parents into consideration and not using the yellow box junction as a turnaround for their vehicles. Parents and children using the main entrance in Charles Road are now able to use the road more safely. I will continue to be present at the main entrance in the mornings and after school to monitor the traffic situation.

Friday, 7th April, is the last day of the Spring term. The children will be dismissed at **13:30**. I would like to wish all the children, their parents, carers and families a lovely Easter break. I look forward to seeing all the children safely back at school on **Tuesday, 25th April**.

Happy Easter everyone.

Mr W Pedro

Head Teacher

