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Dear Parents,

The new term continues at a busy pace and the children have commenced their new topics of learning. Last week, Year 3 children visited an archaeological dig in Blandford as part of their topic learning and enjoyed the visit despite the weather. This week, children in Year 3 and 4 will be participating in dance workshops with students from Bournemouth University as part of a community project. This half term our Year 4 children will be involved in multi-skill sessions in PE led by two FA coaches. Both teams of visitors have commented on the children's enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. Well done, everyone.

#### **Friends of Rushcombe**

The Friends of Rushcombe First School will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00 pm with a 'Wine and Nibbles' evening. All are welcome to attend. Later in the term, the Friends are planning to host a Spring Shopping Event on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm. A wide range of stalls will be available, including an unwanted gifts stall and we would appreciate any donations nearer the time. Please put the dates in your diary and more information will follow. We look forward to seeing you on both evenings.

#### **Life Education**

From Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February the Life Education Mobile Classroom is visiting the school to work with each class as part of our personal social health education programme with a focus on healthy bodies. There will be an opportunity for parents to also experience an information session at the end of each day from 2.30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more details. Places are limited to 20 people per session and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

#### **Year 4 Celebration Assemblies**

All parents with children in Year 4 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly in February. Mrs Russell's class assembly will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Mrs Ely's and Mrs Hill's class assembly will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Both assemblies will take place at 2.30 pm in the school hall and entry will be through the main office from 2.15 pm. Regrettably, due to limited space, these assemblies are for parents only.

#### **Unclaimed Children's Tax Credit Information**

The School has been advised that parents may be able to obtain a tax credit rebate. Please visit [www.taxcredits.org.uk/?qclid=CPrGptTqoZgCFYsh3godishLnQ](http://www.taxcredits.org.uk/?qclid=CPrGptTqoZgCFYsh3godishLnQ) or see posters in your child's base for further details. All claims must be submitted by 31 January 2009.

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**Further dates for your diary:**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

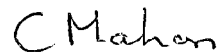
Year 2 [Miss Newbury] class visit to Athlehampton House

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Year 2 [Miss Brown] class visit to Athlehampton House

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January for a staff training day.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Mahon". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

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