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Our Value this half term is Respect

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

These children are our **Values Champions** for the second half of this term having consistently demonstrated the value of **Respect**. Congratulations to all of you.

Reception: Nolen; **Y1:** Tami; **Y2:** Maya; **Y3:** Ethan & Matteo; **Y4:** Pyper; **Y5:** Damaris; **Y6:** Antony.

All classes have had a great time taking part in our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** in the woods today. The children have all been given a small chocolate egg. Thank you very much to Mrs Randall for organising the egg hunt and to our school governors who bought the eggs for the children.

It has been wonderful to see all the fantastic entries for our **Easter Competition** this week. Thank you to all the children who took part. There are photos of the children's beautiful entries on the following page. The winners were: **Reception:** Zian; **Y1:** Frank; **Y2:** Delia; **Y3:** Amelia; **Y4:** Brodie; **Y5:** Emily; **Y6:** Sienna.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a **K'Nex Challenge** last Friday and constructed some fantastic models. You can see pictures of the winning models from each class on the following page.

Thank you again to everyone who donated gifts for and bought them from **Year 4's Mother's Day Stall** last week. A wonderful **£412.65** was raised for Lister Hospital. The children have chosen to share the money between the cancer ward and children's ward.



Safety Online Simplified 24

Over recent weeks concerns about AI chatbots have been raised in the media and you may have read about the AI platform called Character.ai. If you've never heard of this platform, it's basically a chatbot service where users (13+) can create and/or chat with existing chatbots. Internet Matters have produced a [useful overview article](#) so you can understand more about it. As always, our advice is to keep talking to your child about their online activities and be aware of the dangers as well as the advantages of ever-advancing technology.

Achievements

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Questioning**.

Congratulations to:

YR: Eliza; **Y1:** Kaison & Darcy; **Y2:** Szofi; **Y3:** Leanna & Isaac; **Y4:** Finlay; **Y5:** Toni; **Y6:** Aiesha.

When we return after Easter we will be focusing on **Teamwork**.

Sporting Achievements

A group of **Y4** children took part in the Stevenage schools' **Speed Stacking Final** at Roebuck Academy yesterday having already got through the heats. They had a great time, were super representatives for our school and won the Silver medals! Congratulations to you all.

The **Mixed football team** played a match away vs Roebuck Academy yesterday. It was a close match and they all played really well together. Well done to all of you.

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

St Francis:	2636
St Andrew:	2415
St Clare:	2377
St Catherine:	2341

Whole School Attendance and Lateness We thought you might be interested to know that our *whole school attendance this year is 94.7%* compared to the national average attendance of 94.5%. We understand that absence due to illness cannot be helped and appreciate your help making sure that children are here if at all possible.

Have a great Easter holiday! **Mrs Collins**

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8

Easter Competition Entries



Year 5 and 6 K'Nex Challenge



Diary Dates

- **Monday 7th – Monday 21st April** – Easter Holidays
- **Tuesday 22nd April** – Back to School
- **Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday; school closed
- **Monday 26th – Friday 30th May** – Half Term
- **Monday 2nd June** – INSET Day – school closed
- **Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June** – Y5/6 Residential
- **Thursday 10th July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Tuesday 22nd July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm