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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic day we had yesterday! We started the day by coming together to read 'One Hundred Steps' - the beautiful book about the life of Captain Sir Tom Moore. This is an inspirational book and I would highly recommend it.

I am sure that the children from Class 1 were keen to show you the medals they made, they have still to paint the salt dough medals that came out of the oven last night!

The Posters and newspaper reports made by the children in Class 2 were fantastic and the illustrations simply gorgeous. Class 3 are finishing off their Biography work today and their silhouette artwork is absolutely amazing.

As you know we finished the day with each class attempting 100 laps of the school field in 40 minutes. Well, all the pupils were brilliant, every child completed at least 5 laps and some even managed 19 laps!!!

In total Class 1 completed 174 laps, Class 2 completed 228 laps and Class 3 completed 276 laps, far exceeding our initial expectations! All children will receive a certificate on Friday detailing their personal achievement.

Well done everyone 😊

PTA Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7pm in school.

Next Wednesday we are holding our first PTA meeting of the year. The PTA has always been a really important and effective part of school life. The PTA organise fundraising and social events throughout the year and the funds they raise benefit every child in school.

Due to the pandemic, the PTA has not been able to meet or organise the usual events, and so this year we will literally be setting up the PTA afresh. I would love to see and welcome as many of you, as possible at the meeting next week. You can support the PTA by simply helping out at events, contributing to ideas and planning events, or even having access to avenues of funding.

Historically the PTA has funded new laptops, play equipment, buying the stage and show lighting, paying for pantomimes, and other days out and every year a contribution is made towards the cost of the residential, keeping costs as low as possible for parents. From my perspective, the fundraising has been vital especially in years when the school budget has been cut, but I also feel that the children benefit enormously from the socialising and feeling part of something bigger than their own class when they attend events such as the Summer Fair for example.

Please do come along and find out how you can support your child's school. We can attempt to plan out the year ahead. If you would like to support the PTA but are unable to attend this particular meeting, please let me know, so that we can add you to the PTA Whats App group.

Yours sincerely,

*Lynn Harrison*