



**Dear parents:** I was passionately against fox hunting before it was sort of banned but now I am not quite so sure. You may have heard that we have a huge vixen who has made her home in the school. Wanders around in broad daylight with not a care in the world. Has resting places all over our grounds. So what should a headteacher do in such circumstances??... well same as for any other pests, vein or potentially dangerous animals call environmental health. We did and you live and learn. They are not allowed to remove, trap or bait them as the penalties are draconian even up to prison sentencing and even though we are a school with young children nothing they can do. So if you see myself, Daniel or Heln Birch going around with spray bottles in corners of the school we are spraying fox deterrent !!!.... and guess what ! .... see the end of this paragraph. Busy days and our new Daily Mile track is now complete and goes into full action in May the day after the Feast of St Joseph. All our amazing new Clever Touch screens were also installed over easter and special demo to all parents later in the term .... oh and that fox has just had pups ..Newsflash see below !!!

### School news this week !!!

**Monday .... rewards assembly with several children getting music awards.**

**Tuesday ..Year 5 Personal best in school and school Keep Clear workshop with our Road Safety Officers**

**Wednesday ...Police visit Early Years and 1 and 2.**

**Year 3 assembly well done Ms Rumiska and Year 3**

**Thursday .... Police visit years 3-6.**

**Friday ... interviewing for new teachers all day**

### Attendance ...

Well done to Reception on 99% attendance and most punctual class is Year 3 so well done to them.

### New on the website.....

Easter Bonnet parade ...all term dates ...new curriculum newsletters from every teacher ...Alleluia Liturgy .... new governors responsibilities update ... new uniform information .... beautiful new Gardens pics of April trees and flowers .....

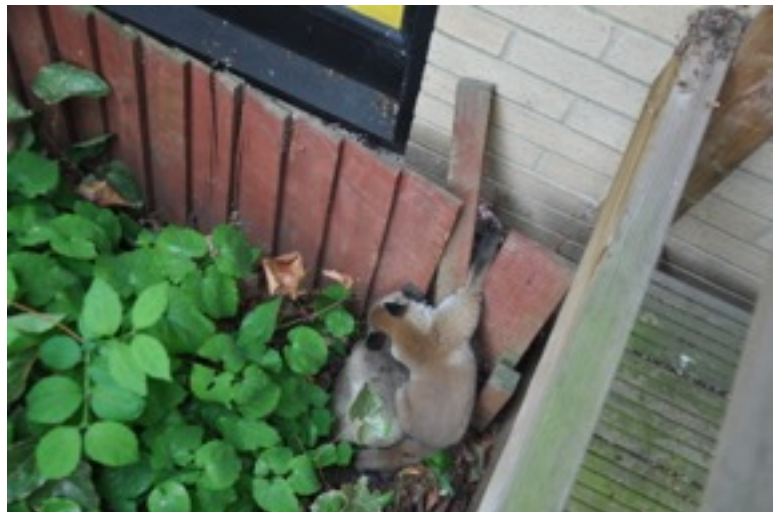
### School Building and Governors Fund...

Big changes... 4 more families paid ....

**Total = £ 5,040 .00** 144 out of 166 families have

**contributed so 87% of all families. Only 22** families to still support the school in 2017 or let us know you cannot or do not intend to pay anything to help us maintain your child's school building and premises. Best year ever.... only 22 families left !!!

**pics of the week ...** I swear on my children's lives this is a true story ...just finished interviews and putting finishing touches to Newsletter when Daniel called me outside to show me our latest effort to drive the foxes away when out popped a fox cub who then got trapped in fencing .... I went and got a stout cub and gently prized its leg up and it was able to get away. It was not distressed in any way so all good in the end but still wish they would go away !!!



**and finally .... since I last wrote a General Election has been called and we are a Polling station June 8th for the last time ever .... you may have heard on the news about budget cuts in education well they are real year on year and with the menace of academies looming expect massive change in the not too distant future. There will be cuts as money moves away from big cities and above all increased costs to schools from pensions, NI and scores more new costs ..... education funding has not yet come up. .... May Bank Holiday coming up so enjoy that and the last episode of Line of Duty on Sunday ...anyone watching that ?? A gripping drama .... West Ham battling to get 40 points and safety, World Snooker finals and fine weather .... and a happy baby fox cub ..... plus a wonderful outcome to our teacher interviews today in a time of severe teacher recruitment crisis ...thank you Dear Lord at this hour. Enjoy the Darling Buds of May (Shakespeare) ..and be happy !!**