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Dear Families

## Tennis News

We have some great news to share regarding our school's continued success in our tennis.

I am delighted to announce that our school has for the 4<sup>th</sup> time won the Kent LTA award in the category of Best Educational Provision.

The Lawn Tennis Association receive many nominations from across Kent. Many schools are in the private sector and receive private sponsorships, so it is therefore truly amazing that we continue to stand high above all these.



I know you will take great pride in our achievements and want to join me in thanking the inspirational member of staff who provides so many engaging and exciting tennis and sporting opportunities for ALL the children at this school – and that person is Mrs Hodgson.

*Thank you, Mrs Hodgson* – you are an absolute treasure to our school. The children, families and staff want to thank you and pass on our congratulations to you in this achievement. This award demonstrates how well our tennis provision is embedded and how much we achieve for the children.

## A Garden of Remembrance – A Place to Be

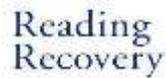
Some families have suffered life changing losses and bereavements in recent years. We want to establish a communal garden at the front of the school car park that is a quiet, peaceful space, offering time for reflection and comfort to those who wish to remember loved ones.



Mr and Mrs Crews, grandparents and guardians of Faith at this school have been inspirational in leading this project, following the death of Faith's mother – Toni. Who we all mourn and miss.

Toni Crews bravely donated her body to science, having passed away from a rare and aggressive cancer. Her close family are proud of this, but would like somewhere that is special to go to in order to remember Toni.

We are in the planning stages at present and will commence building a pathway and entrance into the garden area very soon. Donations of building materials, pots, plants, bulbs and a work force to match will all be greatly appreciated! This is a totally community based project and Mr Crews has generously offered to help in the building and construction of the garden.



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If you have any of the following that you could donate to the school garden area this would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, if you know of a generous local company who may be willing to offer us some donations please let the school know via the school secretary.

We are building this garden for everyone to use. Families will be invited to create their own small memory through flowers, and garden items.

## List of materials

- Hard-core
- 10 ml pebbles
- Pathway edging,
- Membrane for lining a foundation
- A walk through garden archway
- Cuttings from Plants and shrubs, bulbs
- Compost
- Solid garden seating
- Solar powered water feature.

Please let us know if you can help with the garden.

## Ukraine Crisis

You will have received requests on parent-mails over the last week asking for help towards the war crisis in Ukraine. Thank you to everybody who dropped things off at Maxsteds Aquatics Store over the weekend. We can confirm a lorry left for Poland on Monday this week.

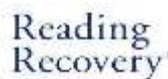
We are also trying to link up with existing agencies who have coordinated support for the Ukraine. Please keep an eye on the parent mail for further information.

During our assemblies we are saying prayers for the crisis.

Please find one of these prayers below that I invite you reflect upon.

## Teacher Consultations

Teacher consultation evenings are taking place across this week. If you have missed this opportunity to meet and talk with your child's teacher, and you would like an appointment, please contact Mrs Beckett, the school secretary.



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## March 18<sup>th</sup> is Red Nose Day.

Children can wear brightly coloured, crazy costumes for the day. You are invited to send in a donation towards the Red Nose Day appeal. Thank you.

### A moment for reflection

#### A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God

We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.

Best wishes

**Justine Brown**

**Head Teacher**

