

Charlton Horethorne CE VA Primary School

Newsletter Number 11

Friday 24th February 2017

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a super half term and managed to relax and have some fun. The children have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning which is just fantastic.

This is a very busy but very short half term with lots happening so I apologise in advance if you feel bombarded with information. I will try to keep it to a minimum.

FSA News

The following events have been planned for the coming weeks:

Tuesday 28th February

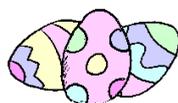
Pancake Breakfast - from 8.15am in the hall, £1 per child

Thursday 2nd March

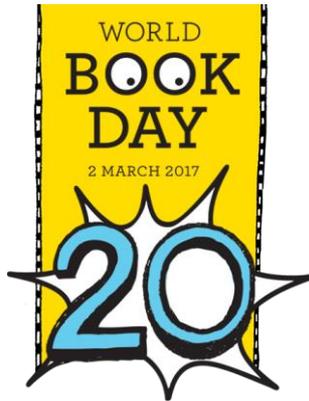
Cake Sale - in the hall at 3.15pm

Easter Raffle

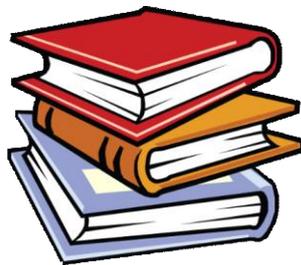
In order to raise money to support the school we are going to hold an Easter raffle where the prizes will be Hampers of Easter eggs. In order to make the hampers we are asking that each child donates an Easter egg (any size!) to allow us to make up the hampers. Could all the egg donations please be in the school office by Thursday 10th March. Thank you.



World Book Day - Celebrating 20 Years!



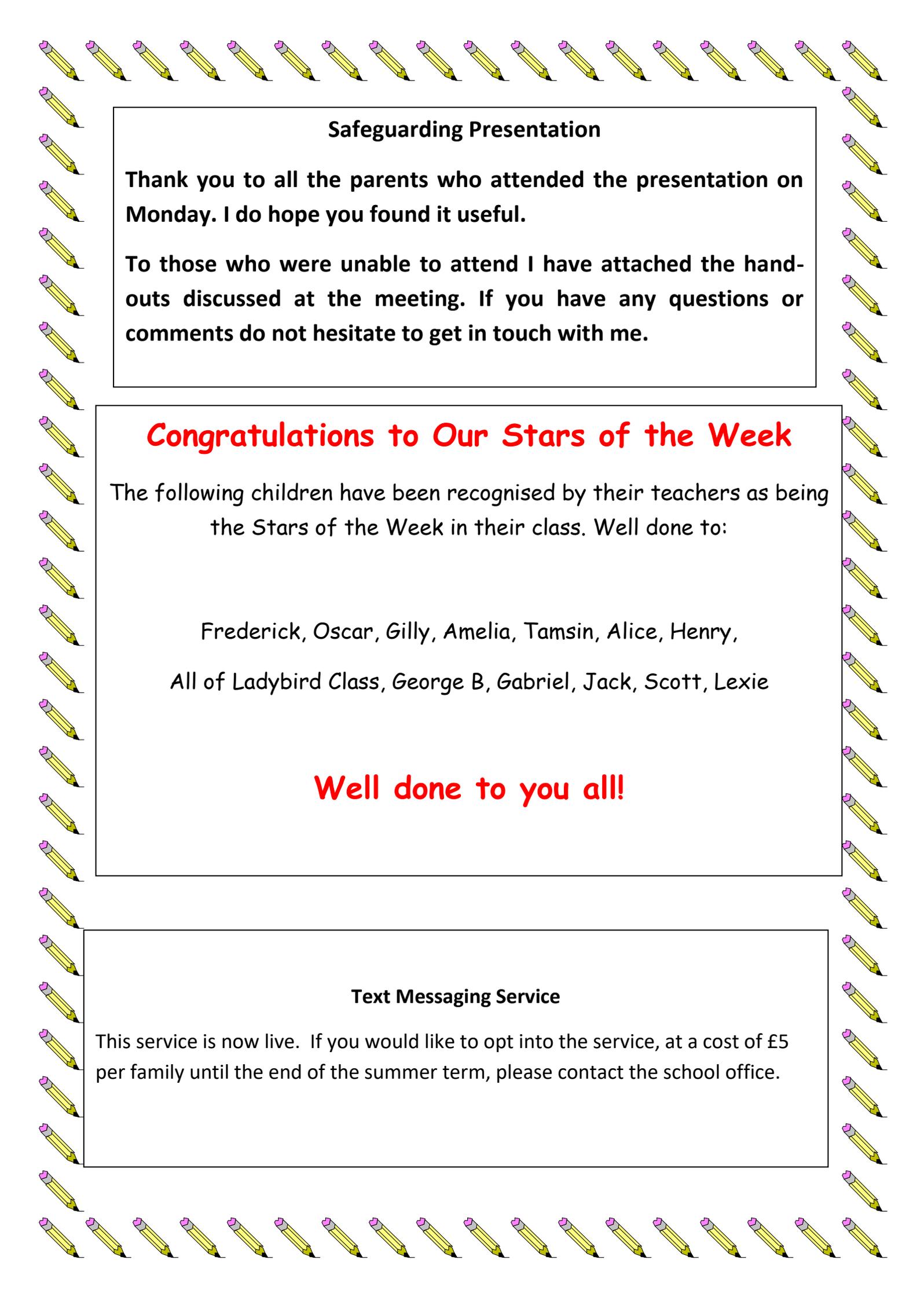
It is World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March and like most other schools we will be celebrating the world of stories. To help us really enjoy our day we would love it if your child/ren would come to school as their favourite book character. We will be spending the day focusing on our favourite books and authors.



Parents Evenings

We will be offering you all the opportunity to discuss the progress and attainment of your child on Monday 13th March or Wednesday 15th March between 3.45 and 6pm. Letters regarding appointments will be sent out next week.

Therefore parents of children in YR,1,2 will meet Miss Hemborough, parents of children in Y3/4 will meet Mrs Watkins and parents of Y5/6 children will meet with Mrs Williams and Mrs Rice.



Safeguarding Presentation

Thank you to all the parents who attended the presentation on Monday. I do hope you found it useful.

To those who were unable to attend I have attached the hand-outs discussed at the meeting. If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

The following children have been recognised by their teachers as being the Stars of the Week in their class. Well done to:

Frederick, Oscar, Gilly, Amelia, Tamsin, Alice, Henry,
All of Ladybird Class, George B, Gabriel, Jack, Scott, Lexie

Well done to you all!

Text Messaging Service

This service is now live. If you would like to opt into the service, at a cost of £5 per family until the end of the summer term, please contact the school office.



SPREAD THIS MESSAGE, NOT THE FLU!

There are currently relatively high levels of flu and flu-like illnesses and norovirus affecting schools and other institutional settings in Somerset.

To reduce the risk of getting flu and norovirus or spreading it to other people:

- wash hands regularly with soap and warm water
- clean surfaces such as your keyboard, telephone and door handles regularly to get rid of germs
- use tissues to cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- put used tissues in a bin as soon as possible.

Dates for the term:

28/02/17 Pancake breakfast in the hall from 8.15am

02/03/17 World Book Day celebrations

02/03/17 Cake sale 3.15pm in the school hall

09/03/17 KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament @ Castle Cary Rugby Club

13/03/17 Parents' evening (1)

15/03/17 Parents' evening (2)

16/03/17 Governors' meeting 6pm

20/03/17 Inservice training day

24/03/17 Red Nose Day

29/03/17 FSA Easter bingo

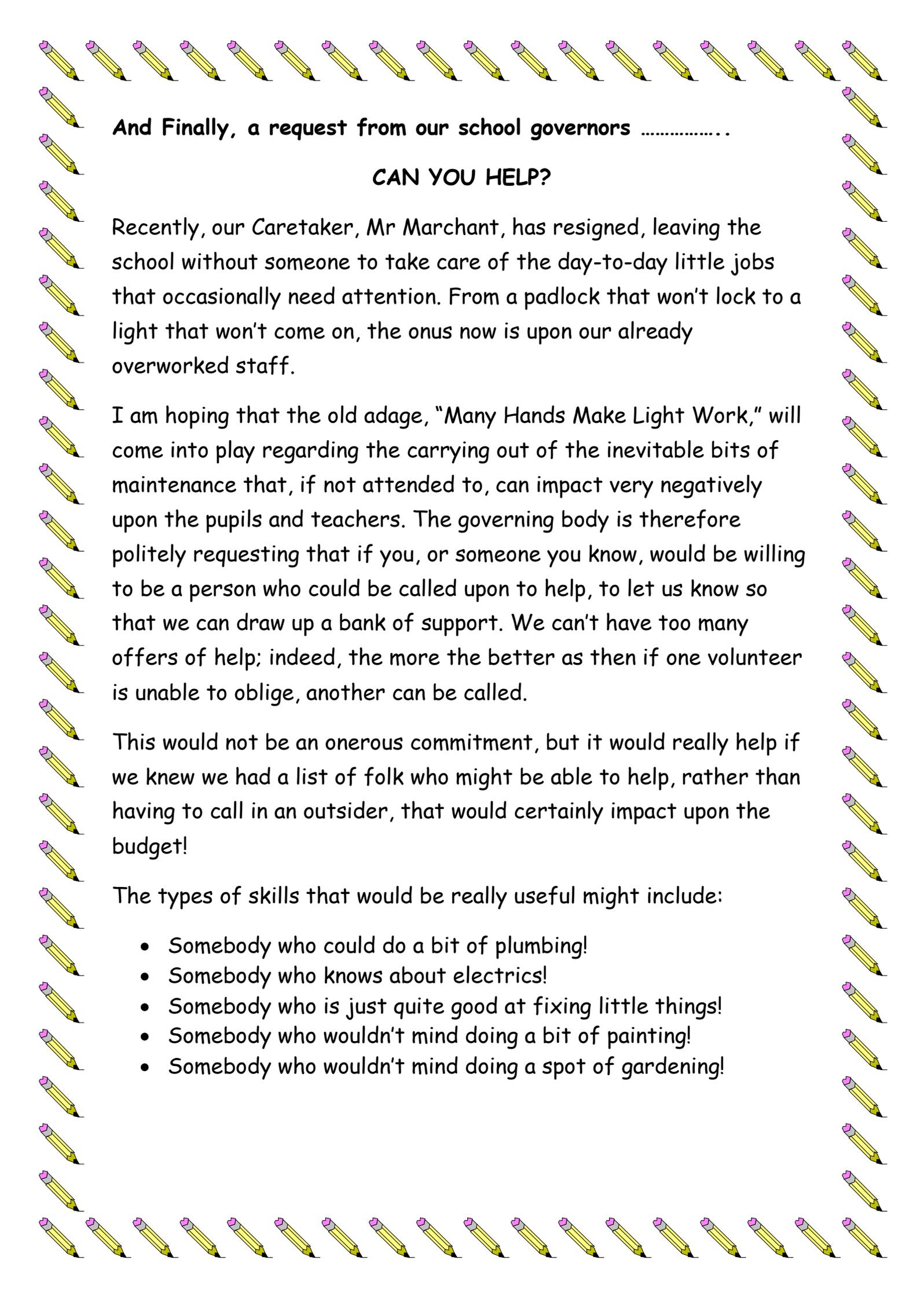
30/03/17 Easter activity day

31/03/17 Easter service in the Church at 1.45pm

03/04-14/04/17 Easter holidays

17/04/17 Bank holiday Monday

18/04/17 Children return to school



And Finally, a request from our school governors

CAN YOU HELP?

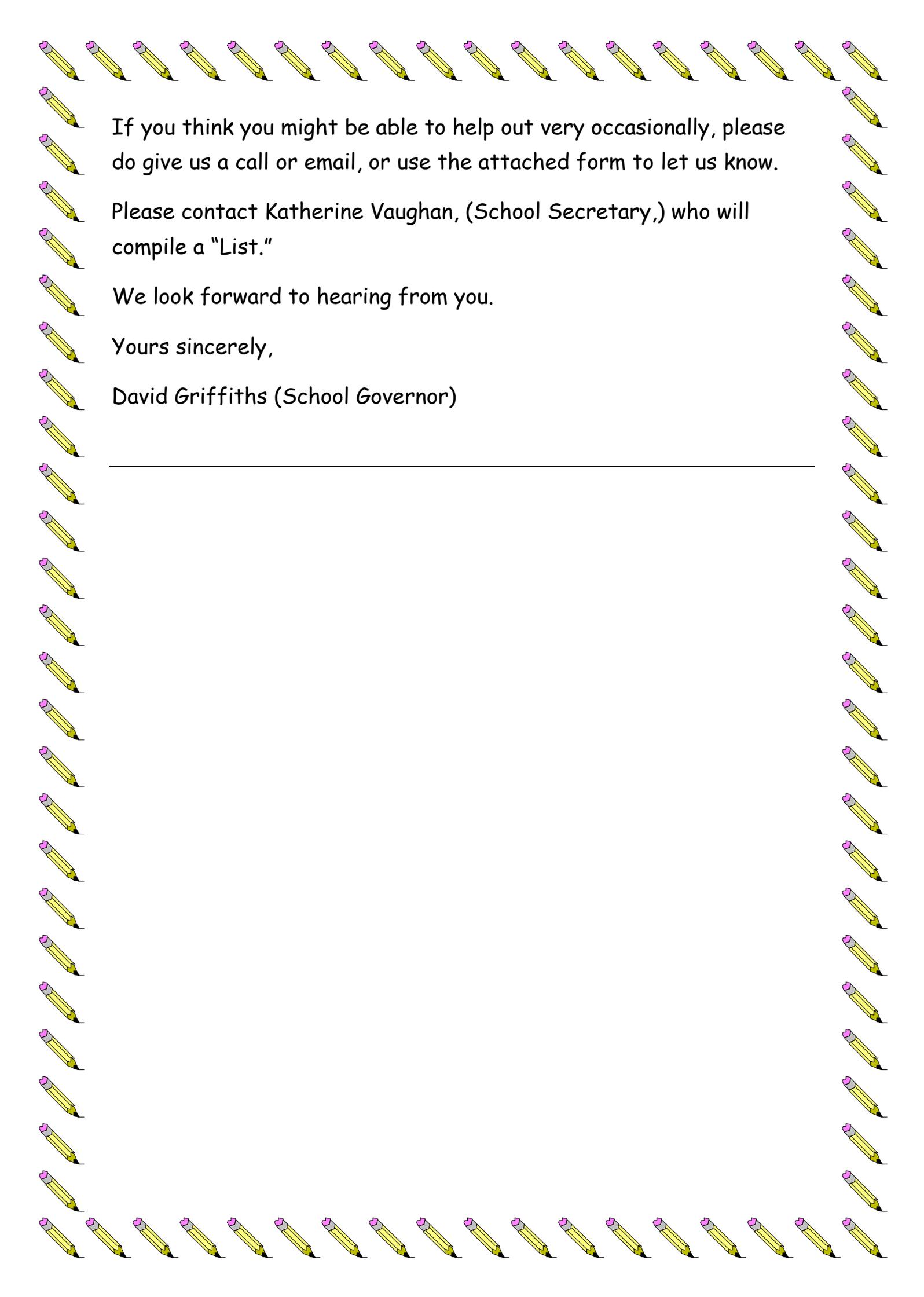
Recently, our Caretaker, Mr Marchant, has resigned, leaving the school without someone to take care of the day-to-day little jobs that occasionally need attention. From a padlock that won't lock to a light that won't come on, the onus now is upon our already overworked staff.

I am hoping that the old adage, "Many Hands Make Light Work," will come into play regarding the carrying out of the inevitable bits of maintenance that, if not attended to, can impact very negatively upon the pupils and teachers. The governing body is therefore politely requesting that if you, or someone you know, would be willing to be a person who could be called upon to help, to let us know so that we can draw up a bank of support. We can't have too many offers of help; indeed, the more the better as then if one volunteer is unable to oblige, another can be called.

This would not be an onerous commitment, but it would really help if we knew we had a list of folk who might be able to help, rather than having to call in an outsider, that would certainly impact upon the budget!

The types of skills that would be really useful might include:

- Somebody who could do a bit of plumbing!
- Somebody who knows about electrics!
- Somebody who is just quite good at fixing little things!
- Somebody who wouldn't mind doing a bit of painting!
- Somebody who wouldn't mind doing a spot of gardening!



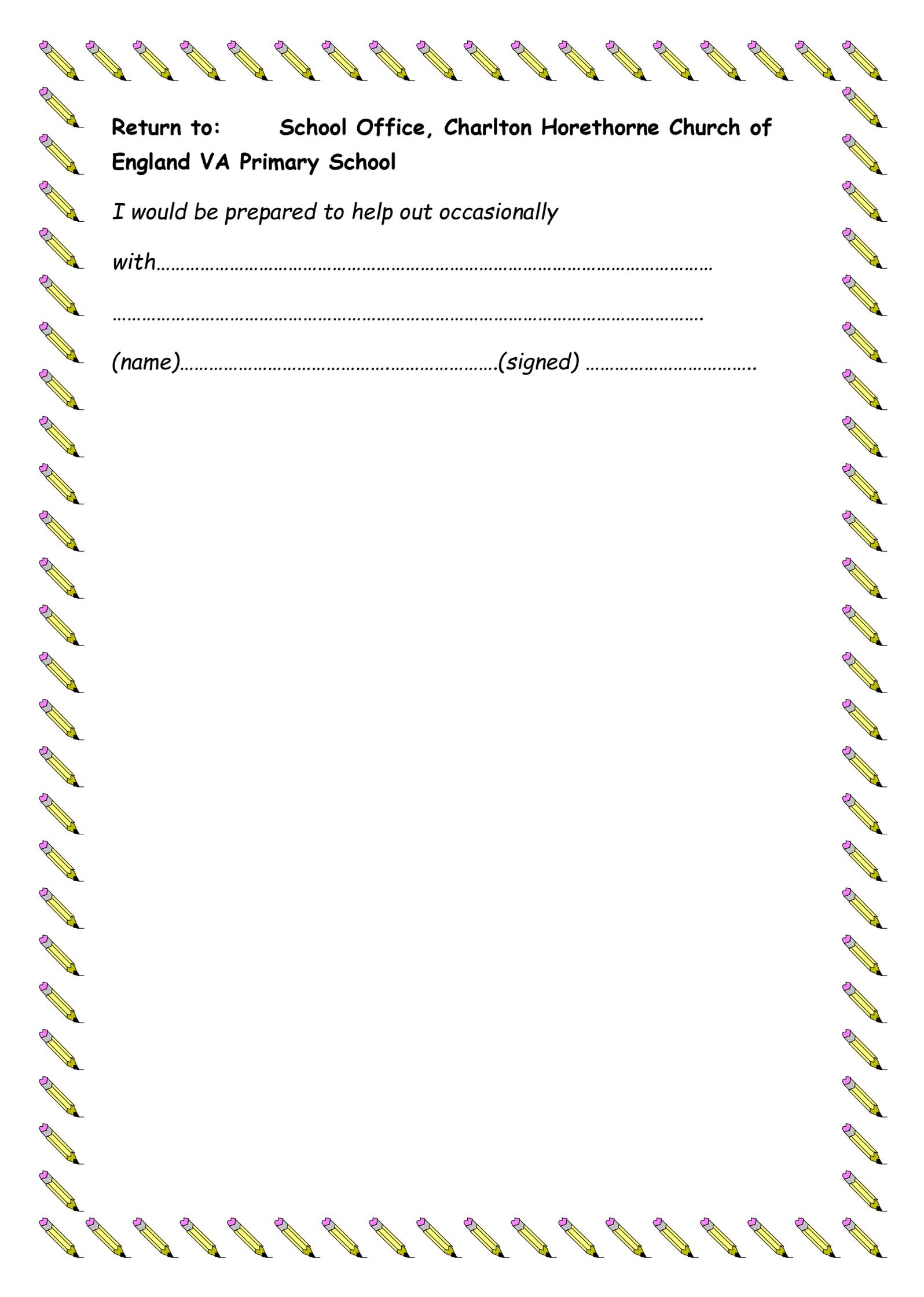
If you think you might be able to help out very occasionally, please do give us a call or email, or use the attached form to let us know.

Please contact Katherine Vaughan, (School Secretary,) who will compile a "List."

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David Griffiths (School Governor)



Return to: School Office, Charlton Horethorne Church of
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I would be prepared to help out occasionally

with.....

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(name).....*(signed)*