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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you today with a general school update.

This half term is an exciting and busy one. We have had another school football tournament and students represented the school well. Another secondary group took part in a table cricket event at Treloars in Alton. Other sporting fixtures have included secondary inter house competitions in both football and volleyball. These events are a good opportunity for students to collect extra house points.

Many of our secondary students have or will have been on a residential trip by the end of this half term. Just before the half term break, YR 9 had a trip to the Isle of Wight, and a great time was had looking for fossils and exploring the island. Our YR 10's visited Swanage for three days after half term in February and experienced a lovely time accompanied by unusually amazing weather. YR 8 are due to travel down to the New Forest just before Easter to stay at Avon Tyrell to enjoy three days of adventurous activities.

The whole school joined in with dressing up as their favourite book character on World Book Day. Staff and students looked fabulous in all of their costumes. Secondary students can also join in supporting Comic Relief with Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March by wearing a red shirt or jumper instead of their school uniform top. Normal uniform should be worn from the waist down. Students should bring £1 in to school for this event. All proceeds will be donated to Comic Relief. Primary pupils will experience a special Red Nose themed day on Friday and should wear their regular uniform please.

Some of our primary pupils have been attending weekly swimming lessons and others have been regularly visiting the library in Farnborough. Learning to swim is a very important skill and secondary students attend for a full term in each year up to YR 10. This means that when a student leaves us in YR 11, they will have received a full year's worth of swimming instruction and support with water confidence.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award students are in the process of practicing their expedition skills by undertaking day walks and some of our KS4 students in Art are visiting the Tate Modern Gallery in London this week. Additionally, several of our vocal ambassadors are taking part in a variety of music performances this half term. We hope that everyone has a great time.

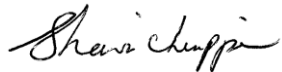
I am reminded how very lucky we are that we have such wonderful grounds here at Samuel Cody that can be rented to external clubs and societies enabling us to offer fully funded places to all of our pupils and students for residentials and day trips and visits. I know that as a school, we are unique in this regard. I am also thankful for the dedication of so many of our school team, who regularly take time away from their own families, to staff such trips. I know

you will join me in thanking them for doing this, as without them we would not be able to offer such diverse extra-curricular experiences.

Finally, Primary parents evening is scheduled for later today from 15:00 to 18:00. Online booking for KS3 parents evening will be open from Thursday 20th March 18:00 and will be open until the following Wednesday until 18:00.

As we race towards the end of term, my staff and I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming all of our children back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shan Chinnappa', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Chinnappa
Headteacher
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