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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move to the end of another term I would like to wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Easter. This term has had everything including blowing up boilers, heavy snow and school closures, Pre Public Examinations, exciting school visits, a wonderful school productions, the list is endless. Your child's school continues to flourish within the Wensum Trust and the Trust itself has received recognition for its work by the Department for Education. I have the privilege of visiting all the schools at least twice every half term and the warmth and enthusiasm of the children and staff is always a joy to behold.

Of course we live in a world which is not always what we want for our children. The recent nerve toxin attacks in Salisbury, the plight of children and families in Yemen and Syria makes us all think how lucky we are to live in such a relatively stable place as the United Kingdom. However we must never take it for granted because great institutions and societies can be lost quickly through arrogance and complacency. If we want a sporting example of this just consider England's recent performance in the six nations! (My apologies to anybody I was grumpy to after the three English defeats!)

So in conclusion I return to the theme of Easter. Whatever your beliefs this holiday is here because of the Christian Feast of Easter. It celebrates the core of the Christian faith which is the belief that Jesus Christ was crucified, died and rose again and much of the symbolism we see in the shops is about this. An Easter Fact. The hollow Easter egg is meant to symbolise the empty tomb. The egg of course is a sign many religions use to signify new life and renewal.

So enjoy the complete chocolate overload and those of you with public examinations looming use those extra calories to accelerate your revision. I wish all of you a peaceful and restful break.

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