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Dear Parents/Carers,

We managed to raise just over £400 for the church last Friday. Rev T was delighted by the donation and he has asked me to pass on his gratitude to you all.

FOBS AGM

Thank you to the parents who attended the FOBS AGM on Tuesday. Sadly, the chair, Nuala, has resigned along with Rachel Thomas, secretary and Jennifer Kouwenhoven, treasurer. If any of you would like to support FOBS by stepping up, we would be very grateful. Nuala has suggested the idea of two parents sharing the role of chair if it seems too daunting and will be sending out a role description shortly.

FOBS have raised a significant amount of money over the last few years, even during the difficult pandemic years. The funds have enabled us to keep the swimming pool going and provided many extras such as the pantomime coaches, the outdoor gym equipment and Year 6 Leavers' books. We are enormously grateful to everyone involved in FOBS, especially Nuala for her commitment to fundraising for Barham.

Swimming

Mr Rayner has been busy preparing the pool so that it is ready for next term. We are lucky to be able to afford the running costs over the next two terms, with help from FOBS. Please ensure you check class overviews and messages for the days when your child will be swimming. This is the term that Wrens start their swimming sessions too. Please ensure girls wear one-piece swimsuits and boys have trunks not board shorts, thank you.

Dogs Trust Workshop

Philip Marsh from the Dogs Trust has asked me to let you know that there is an Easter workshop for all the family in the Easter holiday.

Wednesday 12th April (2pm – 3.30pm approx.)

Family workshop (& hopefully a tour of the centre)

Canterbury Rehoming Centre (nearer Whitstable!)

Radfall Road

Chestfield

Kent

CT5 3ER



Please email Philip if you are interested: philip.marsh@dogstrust.org.uk

Easter Services at St John's

As well as today's service at 2:15 pm, there are two Easter services suitable for all the family in the holiday:

Friday 7th April 10.30-12.00 Good Friday Poetry & Art Workshop for children - exploring the Easter message in word and picture and with refreshments.

Sunday 9th April 9.30 Easter Sunday Service - celebrating Easter with an egg hunt.

Have a great break over the Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, April 17th.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light blue rectangular border.

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