Heathbrook PTA on Radio 4
We were thrilled that Roy Wilson, the chair of the Friends of Heathbrook (PTA), appeared on [Radio 4’s Money Box programme yesterday](#). He was invited to highlight our ‘great success story’ of raising £130,000 for the all-weather community pitch. [Follow the link via email and listen from 19 mins 35 secs in.]

New Instrumentalists
Thank you to the Friends of Heathbrook for again giving every child in Year 3 a recorder recently. We have also had a significant increase in the number of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 asking to learn the violin, clarinet, flute and guitar.

Supporting our Curriculum
School councillors have explored ways to make it easier for parents and carers to further contribute towards particular aspects of our extensive curriculum offer. Use our Schoolgateway app to donate by clicking on the options: ‘Gifting more library books’ and/or ‘Gifting more musical instruments’.

PTA Coffee Morning / Reading Volunteers
Our PTA coffee morning for the end of this half term is next Friday (11th). Come to the lower hall and find out more about how our thriving group of volunteer readers support children of all ages in a variety of ways.

Responsibility for Clothing
As it gets colder at this time of year, we are reminding everyone to take greater responsibility for additional items of clothing. Please speak to your child at home about this and make sure that items are labelled properly.

PTA Parent Social and Film Night update
Over sixty children, along with their parents and carers, came to our first parent social and film night of the academic year on Friday evening. It was lovely to hear so much positive feedback about our strong inclusive community ethos from parents and carers of families who have joined us recently. The date of next half term’s social and film night will be shared soon.

Ace of Clubs Charity reminder
Remember to keep bringing in your donations for the Ace of Clubs’ harvest appeal on behalf of the homeless by next Friday (11th), as part of our support for one of the charities chosen by school councillors. Sarah Miles, the centre manager, was extremely thought-provoking in a Year 5 and 6 assembly this week, which stimulated lots of probing questions from the children.