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A message from the Headteacher

As we draw to the end of half-term, I would like to pass on my thanks for your support with all the activities and events that we have organised this half-term. Everything runs smoothly in school when we work together so liaising with the office and teachers is much appreciated so we can do the best for your child.

Attendance

Attendance is still worrying as we have many children falling below the government target of 96%. I hope you appreciate that I can only authorise absences within these government constraints and attendance needs to be at its best to authorise 'exceptional circumstance' holidays in term time. We are struggling to fill the gaps in learning from absences as learning moves at a fast pace so I would appreciate your full support as the winter bugs have moved on.

Lates

Please expect a charge for late pick up if your child has to be placed into after school club. Staff have after school commitments such as clubs and tuition so I would appreciate your support with this. If there are exceptional circumstances, please ring the office and let them know!

Phone Lines

The office is always busy in the morning so please be patient as the calls come through one direct line. If it goes to answer machine, please leave a message or call back - we are not ignoring you! The office opens at 8am.

Half-Term

Have a wonderful half-term and enjoy the break - let's hope spring is in the air!

School starts: Tuesday 28th February 2023

Dates for Diary

2nd March: World Book day dress up as book characters and biscuit sale
7th March: Year 6 Tween Safe programme
15th March: Ford Green Hall Year 5
22nd March: Year 3 Ancient Egypt
24th March: Hoglets (all classes)
29th March: Maths Whizz Rocket Launcher
30th March: Performance afternoon Y3, 4 and 5 (further details to follow)
31st March: Easter Holiday Starts @ 2.55pm

Home
is where
there's
a stack of
books
by the bed.



Change to PE Kit

Our uniform for PE will be gradually changing to a non-badged option. If your child has school PE kit then please continue to use this until they have grown out of it.

- White T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Plain Tracksuit Bottoms and Hoody (if needed) Black or Navy for Winter Weather

This PE uniform can be purchased from any supermarket or shop as there is no requirement for logos. **NB** Please make sure that ALL clothing is clearly labelled with child's name. (Sew-in labels or marker pen are ideal for this purpose).

Uniform Support

We are happy for you to call in and look at the 'preloved' uniform available. There are some as new items: shorts, trousers, pinafores and skirts in a range of sizes for £1 an item. We also have a range of 'preloved shoes' in very good condition for £2 a pair that may help you out!



Head- lice Alert

Head lice are tiny insects that vary in colour from cream to brown/black. Small eggs are laid by the head lice. They are the size of a grain of salt, yellow-white in colour, and are found glued to the hair near the scalp. They are usually found behind the ears, the back of the neck and fringe.

To assist us in the prevention of head lice spreading please ensure you check your child/ren's hair. If head lice or nits are found please treat immediately.

Recent advice suggests:

- ✓ Eggs can be treated EVERY NIGHT with conditioner (15- 25p for a large green bottle from Asda), combing through with a nit comb;
- ✓ Keep long hair tied back and preferably plaited;
- ✓ Don't forget to treat your own hair;
- ✓ Wash pillow cases regularly.

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2022 -2023

As always, please avoid booking holidays in term-time. They can only be authorised if they are 'exceptional' circumstances. I have limited capacity to authorise holidays. Our registers as our externally checked and there are strict guidelines in place.

School starts: Tuesday 28th February 2023

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17th April

May Day: Monday 1 May

King Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May

Half Term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

Advance Dates
School Terms and Holiday Dates 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Inset Day: Monday 6 November

Term starts: Tuesday 7 November

Term ends: Thursday 21 December

Inset day: Friday 22 December

Spring Term 2024

Term starts: Tuesday 8 January

Holiday: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

Term ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Holiday: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Inset Day: Monday 26 June 2023

Term ends: Friday 19 July

Holiday: Monday 22 July - Friday 30 August