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Half Term

Thank you for all of your support during a busy term. We hope you all have a lovely half term break next week. Our thoughts are with those of you who have family away overseas. School restarts on Monday 28th February.

Book Week

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are very excited about our annual Book Week in the first week back after half term. We have planned lots of special events for the children. The main two dates to be aware of are:

Monday 28th February 5pm-5.45pm – Bedtime story:

Children may return to school for a story (pyjamas optional). Collection at 5.45pm (no children to walk home). (Please note that this is not for nursery children – their story will be available online separately).

Friday 4th March – Book Day:

All children may dress-up as a favourite book character (please note, we are doing this the day after official World Book Day).

Zouch 2022 Reading Challenge

Over the past month we challenged the children to read as many times as possible at home. Congratulations to everyone who won a certificate by reading at least 15 times. Particularly well done to the Gold Award winners who read 22 times!

Over 50 children achieved a fantastic 22 reads with Kingfishers and Skylarks claiming the most Gold Awards!

Please keep up your reading over half term.



School Values – Responsibility

Next term we launch our new value of responsibility. Please talk to your child about what this word means. You could discuss the different responsibilities they have at home and in school.

Ofsted Parent View

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the survey about our school on the Parent View website. We are delighted to read so many positive ratings especially as one of our focuses this year is good communication with parents.

Please could the 1 parent who has not given positive survey scores get in touch with myself or Mr Williams so we can address any concerns as soon as possible. We are only able to discuss any issues if we are aware of them. Alternatively, you can contact Mr Chapman, the Chair of Governors, through the school office – many thanks.

To contribute your views to Parent View, please go to: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Covid Update

Although cases are now much lower in school, please continue to take care in following the guidance. We recommend that all children take an LFT before returning to school. Please do not send a child into school with any Covid or sickness symptoms.

Safeguarding Update – Stranger Danger

The evenings are becoming lighter and half term is a great chance for children to get outside more and play. Please talk to your children about strangers and only talking to trusted adults. Please also talk to them about the agreed areas where they may play and how to cross roads safely. Have a safe half term.

PE and Forest School Days – please note, there are some changes to last term.

Please ensure that children have the correct kit in school for their PE, Forest School and Swimming sessions.

Class	PE	Forest School
Nursery	Daily Activity	Tuesdays
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Tuesdays	Tuesdays
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Mondays	Mondays
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Tuesdays	Fridays
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Fridays	Wednesdays
Y4 (Ospreys and Kestrels*)	Wednesdays	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Thursdays	Thursdays
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Thursdays	

Swimming for Kestrel Class (Y4) starts on Monday – 28th February – please remember kit

Themes and Texts for Term 4:

Here is a preview of our themes and text for next term. More information will be sent home on the curriculum web after half term:

Early Years: 'Happily Ever After' - *The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood*

Year 1 - **Ship Ahoy!** *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs*

Year 2 - **Ship Ahoy!** - *The Night Pirates*

Year 3 - **Stones and Bones** - *Stone Age Boy, How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*

Year 4 - **Stone Age to Iron Age** - *Stone Age Boy and How to Skin a Bear*

Year 5 - **Romans** - *Roman Myths and Legends*

Year 6 - **Romans** - *Alma and On the Origin of Species*

School Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our school Governing Body for a parent governor. This is a great opportunity to contribute to make our school even better. You do not need a background in education as all training is provided. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you for the interest we have already received – the [closing date for application is 31st March.](#)

Uniform

A reminder that all children must be wearing smart school uniform each day. Trainers are not part of school uniform. Ties must be worn in Years 5 and 6. PE kit must also follow the school's uniform policy. No coloured t-shirts or football kits.

Meal Bookings

Meal Bookings for Wc 28th Feb are now closed and our numbers have been sent to our catering provider. If you have not made any bookings, your child must bring a packed lunch for the first week back.

Scooters in School

Scooters must not be used on the school premises. Children must walk with their scooters when they come through the gate in the morning, and may only ride their scooter once they are out of the main gate at home time.

Dogs in School

Dogs/Puppies are not permitted on the school premises at any time, even if they are carried. Please keep them outside the school gates, please be mindful not to obstruct the main entrance. Thank you

Dates for Term 4:

Mon 28th Feb –Children come back to school
Kestrel Swimming Starts!
5-5.45pm Children to come back to school in pyjamas for a bedtime story

Fri 4th March – Dress up for World Book Day!

Tues 29th Mar – Schoolastic Book Fair, KS2 Hall

Tues 5th Apr – Class photo's and Year 6 Leavers