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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back following the half term break. We hope that you enjoyed the additional family time available and were able to make the most of this lovely weather.

World Book Day

As in previous years we will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, by continuing to promote and engage children’s interest in reading. This year we are adapting our World Book Day celebrations and instead of asking the children to dress up as a book character, children will create a mask **in school** with their teachers, which will link to their writing topic that they are currently working on. Children will also take part in a number of exciting book related activities during World Book Week: **The children therefore do not need a costume.**

In addition to the aforementioned, we are currently in the process of developing our new library. This will be a space where children are able to access a range of books. Instead of donating money for dressing up this year, we would be grateful if each child could instead donate a new or nearly new book for the school library, to be used and enjoyed by children across the school. This could be a fiction, non-fiction or poetry book- the choice is yours.

Your child will also be receiving a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of ten special £1 World Book Day books or used towards the purchase of a book to encourage them to develop their own love of reading. The voucher can be redeemed at most local book shops or can be used in school when The Book Fair visits from 5th-8th March 2019.

Change of date: Year 2

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Ukulele teacher is not available to lead the Y2 concerts on 28th February or 7th March as planned.

The concerts will now be held at 2.45pm on the following dates:

21st March: Y2 Manifold

28th March: Y2 Dove

Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February - 10th March

We are taking part in Fairtrade Fortnight again this year by making baked goods to sell in school. Each child will have the opportunity to bake using Fairtrade ingredients and buy from other classes during two bake sales. The bake sales will be on Thursday 28th February and Tuesday 5th March. The children can bring 50p to buy a cake of their choice at break time on these days. All profit made from the bake sales will go to the Fairtrade Charity.

Warning:

We ask that you remain vigilant when your children are on the internet as we have been advised of a new online app which encourages children to hurt themselves. We are led to believe that this is known as the ‘Momo Challenge’ and is described as the WhatsApp ‘suicide challenge,’ which features an avatar of a creepy looking woman with bulging eyes, stringy black hair and a devilish grin telling youngsters to hurt themselves. We have had a number of children talking about this already in school and will advise them of what to do in the event that this pops up onto their screens. However we felt that it would be useful for you as parents to be aware of this.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
 Mark Joule
 Head teacher

Dates from February – Easter 2019

Please note updated dates have been added in bold.

February

27th DT Food Challenge @ Winsford Academy

March

5th My World Project: A Year 6 Team

12th My World Project: A Year 6 Team

14th Y4 visit to the Library for Anne Frank talk: Class Foss and Class Derwent

15th Y4 visit to the Library for Anne Frank talk: Class Ouse

13th -15th Year 5 Residential Visit to London

19th My World Project: A Year 6 Team

21st Y4 Clonter Theatre Visit

Y2 Manifold: Ukulele Concert @ 2.45pm

25th EYFS Visit to Imagine That!

27th Parents Evening

28th Y2 Dove: Ukulele Concert @ 2.45pm

29th School Closes for the Easter Break

April

15th Staff training Day: School Closed for pupils

16th School reopens for pupils

18th **Easter Service led by Y4**

School closes for the Easter weekend at 3.15pm

23rd School reopens following the Easter bank holiday

24th - 26th Y2 Residential visit to Hartington

May

15th G&T History Challenge at the Academy

20th Y1 – Y6 Visit to Chester Zoo

22nd -24th Y3 Residential visit to Anglesey

24th School Closes at 3.15pm for Whit holidays

June

3rd School reopens for the children following half term break

NSPCC Assembly

NSPCC Workshops Y5

NSPCC Workshops Y6

4th **Y5/6 Sports afternoon** (change of date)

6th **Y3/4 Sports afternoon** (change of date)

7th **Y5 Visit to the Catalyst Museum**

17th -21st Y6 Residential visit to the Lake District

21st Y5: Primary College Day

24th -28th School Sports week (Inter school events to be confirmed)

25th Meeting for parents of new starters @ 6.00pm

26th Y6 Visit to Barclays bank

27th Y6 Visit to Barclays bank

July

3rd Parents / Teacher meetings

11th Celebration Evening (Open Evening)

19th School Council visit

22nd Y6 Waterworld Celebration visit

Nursery Leavers Celebration

23rd Y6 Leavers Evening

24th End of term, school closes for the summer break