



Dear Parents and Carers

Well, that was certainly not the planned end to the spring half term we had all been expecting with yet another school closure – this time due to Storm Eunice. I hope you all kept safe and managed to negotiate your way around Google Classroom.

It was lovely to see you all in school for this terms parents evenings last week. I am sure you will agree from looking through the children's work that they have been working exceptionally hard and making very good progress in all areas of the curriculum.

The school was its usual hive of activity last week. The children in Red and Green classes finished the half terms French unit with a café where the children had to place an order in French. Most of the children received what they thought they had ordered!



We have been continuing with our sporting competitions against other local schools with a hockey match for Years 5 and 6 at Wyvern College. We had two teams in action and the children played exceptionally well. A group of children from years 2 and 3 took part in a cricket skills festival at Wildern School. The children had a brilliant time, learning new skills from Hampshire coaches.

An enormous thank you to the Carkeet family for purchasing the new goal posts for our Key Stage 2 playground. You have made a lot of our children very happy!

World Book Day

We are very fortunate to have been able to book the author Michael O'Leary to be with us for world Book day on Thursday 3 March. He will be spending time with the children talking about his work as an author and reading stories. We will be holding a dress-up day for children with the theme of Traditional Tales. As part of World Book Day, the children will be given book vouchers to be able to purchase a free book from P and G Wells.

EYFS/KS1 Invitation to Afternoon Tea



It is such a long time since we have been able to safely invite parents into school and for our newer parents to have an opportunity to meet each other, that we thought it would be a great idea for the children in Blue and Yellow classes to hold an afternoon tea with cakes for their parents on **Tuesday 8 March** at 2:30pm in the school hall. The children will be sending you an invitation shortly after the half term break. Child minders and grandparents are more than welcome if you have a previous engagement.

Red Nose Day

This year Red nose day will be on **Friday 18 March**, and our theme will be 'have a laugh with your class'. You can wear something funny, bring in a joke to tell us or do something to make us smile in

exchange for a donation to the Comic Relief charity.

School Disco – a night at the Oscars!

Following our day of red nose smiling and fun, the DSA thought it would be a great idea to finish off with a school disco on **Friday 18 March** 5:00-6:00pm for children in Blue and Yellow classes and 6:30-8:00pm for children at Key Stage 2. The disco theme will be for children to either dress up as a character from a movie or a night at the Oscars. There will be a red carpet for photo opportunities! We would be very grateful for any additional adult help at the event.



Our DSA fundraising committee has become very much reduced in size, so if you think you might be able to support us please contact the school office.

Staffing

This term we have welcomed Mr Macbeth to our staffing team in Yellow class each Monday and Tuesday and Purple class on Wednesdays. We are currently advertising for a member of staff for the summer term in Mrs Fealy's absence to ensure staffing continuity for our children.

Lunch for Women Who Help Us

We will be holding a special lunch for women who help us – mum, grandma, aunty, child minder – on **Friday 25 March**. We have not been able to hold this event for the past two years, and in that time the school has grown, so we will be holding two sittings, 11:45am and 12:15pm

As we are approaching the end of the financial year, we are very keen to have all of the money owed paid up to date as soon as possible with thanks.

Please note the additions to the diary dates keeping us all busy.

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2022

21-25 February	Half Term
Monday 28 February	Blue and Yellow Class visit to Living Rainforest
Tuesday 1 March	KS2 VR headset hire for the Vikings (Y3-5) and Brazil (Y6)
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day and author visit, Michael O'Leary
Tuesday 8 March	EYFS/KS1 parents invited to afternoon tea
Thursday 10 March	Cricket taster day for all classes from Hampshire Cricket
Tuesday 15 March	PSHE lessons from SCARF for Years R, 1, 2 and 6
Friday 18 March	School Disco 5:00pm-6:00pm EYFS/KS1 6:30-8:00pm KS2.
Friday 25 March	11:45am and 12:15pm – lunch for women who help us.
Wednesday 30 March	2:30pm Music concert for pupils taking peripatetic music lessons
Sunday 27 March	10:00am Church in school for Mothering Sunday.
Monday 6 April	Viking day for Green and Red classes - please come dressed up as a Viking!
Tuesday 5 April	Wyvern Cluster vocal festival in Thornden Hall (new date)
Thursday 7 April	KS2 singing to the luncheon club in the Memorial Hall

School in-service training days for 2022-2023

Thursday 1 September 2022
Friday 2 September 2022
Friday 2 December 2022

Monday 5 June 2023
Friday 21 July 2023

Wishing you all a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 28 February.

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