



Friday 6th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Spring! I hope that you are looking forward to shedding the layers and getting ready for some warmer weather. I am certain that warm and sunny days are just around the corner.

Yesterday was World Book Day and it was fantastic to see all of the wonderful story character costumes around the school. Thank you so much to all those who donated books to us – they are very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

Coronavirus

We are now getting daily updates from the DfE on coronavirus and we are actioning any advice we are given from either the DfE or Public Health England.

Some parents have been getting very worried when they hear a family has just returned from an infected area. Please can I reassure you that all parents who have returned from travelling have kept us informed and contacted the NHS advice line to check on what they should do. As always, we will keep you posted and will follow advice from the DfE and Public Health England (PHE). The government has included possible school closures in its most recent action plan (I have copied the link for this below). Please note that we will only close or take any action short of closing if we are advised to do so by PHE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan/coronavirus-action-plan-a-guide-to-what-you-can-expect-across-the-uk>

The DfE have launched a helpline for school staff and parents who have any questions or queries about the COVID-19 virus in relation to education, and I have been asked to pass this on to you. The details for the helpline are below:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Here again is the link to the latest advice from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Gardening club donation

You may have seen some small brown envelopes come home in your child's bag. We would like to improve some of our outdoor areas and any donations to help us with this would be very gratefully received. Please do not feel under any pressure to make a donation.



Vacancy for a midday meals supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a midday meals supervisor for three days per week. If you are interested, please contact Angie Pierce in the KS1 office.

Table Top Sale for Demelza Hospice Care for Children - Friday 13th March, after school

Ashley and Evie Harper (Year 4) are holding a Table Top Sale of second-hand toys and books to raise money for Demelza Hospice Care for Children: a Kent based charity that provides support for terminally ill children and their families. More information on the work of Demelza can be found at <https://www.demelza.org.uk/home>

Weather permitting, this will be held after school on Friday 13th March, near the junior school entrance. Please support Ashley and Evie in their efforts to raise money for this very worthy cause. Thank you.

Helping those who may not live a long life, to live a full life.

Shrublands Court

Please respect our neighbours – we are still having issues here. There is no excuse for inconsiderate parking. Some residents are finding themselves blocked into or out of their homes at drop-off or pick-up times.

Sport relief

Next Friday is Sport Relief. The money raised by the public is used to support people living incredibly tough lives, in the UK and around the world. Children can come to school wearing sports wear in exchange for a £1 donation.

Dates for the diary

Friday 6th March

Nightingale Class Assembly

Year 3 trip to Lullingstone

Friday 13th March

Dormouse Class Assembly

Own clothes day for Sport Relief (sportswear)

Wednesday 18th March

Junior disco

Friday 20th March

Infant disco

Badger Class Assembly

Own clothes day

Wednesday 25th March

Rabbit Class Assembly

Sharing learning (afternoon)



Thursday 26 th March	Easter learning day
Friday 27 th March	Sharing learning (morning) – change of date
	Junior Easter Egg Bingo
Wednesday 1 st April	Last day of Term 4
Thursday 16 th April	First day of Term 5
Monday 11 th May	Beginning of SATs week
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 st June	INSET day
Tuesday 2 nd June	First day of Term 6 for children
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of the school year
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	First day back for children

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