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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you and all the children back to school after the February half term break. It was lovely to see all the children back, ready for learning.

Here are reminders of some of our key dates and events for this half of the Spring term

Date	Time	Event	Classes
Monday, 27/02	09:45	Nite Owl visit	Years 3, 4 and 5
Tuesday, 28/02	From 09:30	Jack Trelawny – author visit	Years 3,4,5 and 6
Wednesday, 01/03	09:15 – 10:15 and 18:00 – 19:00	KS1 SATs meeting for parents/carers	Parents/Carers of Yr2 children
Thursday, 02/03	09:10 – 09:25	Class Sharing assemblies	1B and 4K
Friday, 03/03	All day	World Book Day	All classes
Tuesday, 07/03	09:00 – 14:20	Puppet making workshops	Reception classes
Wednesday, 08/03	13:30 – 15:00	Bike club	Yr6 Group 1
Thursday, 09/03	09:10 – 09:25  09:15 – 12:00 13:30 – 15:00	Class Sharing assemblies Bike Club Bike Club	1S and 4V  Yr5 Yr6 Group 2
Tuesday, 14/03	All day	Duckling project	Reception
Thursday, 16/03	09:10 – 09:25	Class Sharing assemblies	2C and 3F
Tuesday, 21/03	09:45 – 12:30	Choir and Yr6 Guitar festival – Village Infants School	Choir members and Yr6 Guitar players
Thursday, 23/03	09:10 – 09:25	Class Sharing assemblies	2R and 3H
Monday, 27/03	All week  All week  All day	Faith awareness week Autism awareness week Nursery closed – Parent-Teacher consultations	All classes All classes Parents/Carers of nursery children
Wednesday, 29/03	15:30 – 19:00	Parent-Teacher consultation	All classes
Thursday, 30/03	09:10 – 09:25  From 09:30  15:30 – 17:00	Class Sharing assemblies  Class photographs  Parent-Teacher consultations	2W and 3M  All classes  All classes

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Tuesday, 04/04	09:15	SLT informal meeting with Parents/Carers	All Parents/Carers
Wednesday, 05/04	12:00 – 12:30	Golden Table dinner	Children (to be confirmed)
Thursday, 06/04	From 09:30  17:00 – 19:00	Winning House reward  Governing Board meeting	Children in winning House (to be confirmed)
Friday, 07/04	10:00 – 10:45  11:30 – 11:50  13:30	Diamond Time disco  End of term assembly School closes for Easter holidays	Children (to be confirmed)

Please check our website for regular school updates.

### **Sainsbury Active Vouchers**

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active vouchers. You can drop off your vouchers at the front office or hand them to your child's teacher.

### **Behaviour on school premises**

I would like to remind parents and carers about being careful with the language they use on the school premises. Please do not use inappropriate, abusive or aggressive language, especially in the presence of children. Can I also remind you that smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is not permitted on the school premises.

### **Improved Communication**

We are continuously working at improving communication between the school and parents. We are looking at improving the way we send out text messages with the use of the **Groupcall Xpressions App**. Please see the leaflet that will be sent out on **Monday, 27/02**, with instructions on how to access this app. It is completely free.

### **Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day)**

The word 'shrove' comes from the term 'shrive', meaning to free yourself from sin. In the past, families would be encouraged to clear out their cupboards to remove the indulgent foods from their houses. They needed to come up with an easy way of getting rid of temptation by throwing away their indulgent ingredients, so they put them together into one simple meal. The tradition of eating pancakes allows families to use up all their eggs, butter, milk and flour all in one dish.

In keeping with this tradition, our catering staff will be preparing delicious pancakes as part of our school dinners on Tuesday, 28/02. As we are a healthy school, the pancakes will be topped with natural fruit smoothies, not sugar or syrup. We will take into consideration children's food allergies and a healthy alternative will be offered.

We look forward to seeing children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Pedro  
Head Teacher