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Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents

As we begin the last week of this half-term, I would like to provide you with updates on various matters and to advise you of some key events and dates for your calendars for next term.

On-going E-Safety support for parents and pupils

One of our key aims is to continue to provide school based information and support for parents and children about e-safety. This includes supporting both pupil and parental awareness of how children can keep themselves safe when using on-line technology at home such as mobile phones, social networking and their games systems.



Tomorrow is national Safer Internet Day. To mark this event, all children will be participating in e-safety lessons within their classes. We will also be holding a whole school assembly and your children will be bringing home some information for you at the end of the day. A reminder that there is lots of information to support parents with e-safety on our school website.

Pancake Races – Tuesday 9th February 2016- YR to Y6

A reminder that we will holding our annual Pancake Races to mark Shrove Tuesday tomorrow on the main playground (weather permitting). We will confirm if the event will go ahead when school starts tomorrow morning and we have been able to assess the weather conditions.



If we are able to go ahead with the races and if you wish to join us for this event, please be back on the main playground by 8.55 am. The races will commence promptly at 9.05 am. All children from Reception to Year 6 (and parents and staff!) will have the option to take part in the races if they wish to.

Please note that Y4 will not be joining us for this event as they will be heading off to enjoy an exciting creative curriculum visit to Pizza Express straight after register instead!



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Spring Term 2 – Key dates for your calendars

Celebration Open Event – Tuesday 23rd February 2016 6.00pm to 7.30pm

I am delighted to advise you that we will be holding our next Open Event on **Tuesday 23rd February from 6.00pm to 7.30pm to celebrate the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection.** Being graded **OUTSTANDING** by Ofsted is a major success for our school community and one that we should all be proud to celebrate. Your children throughout the school from Nursery to Y6 are already busy planning how they want to show you why they are outstanding and they are very excited about the event. All children in the main school will be taking part and will be invited back to the event in the evening. We hope that all of you are able to join us. Please put the date on your calendars and a more detailed letter about the event will follow later this week.

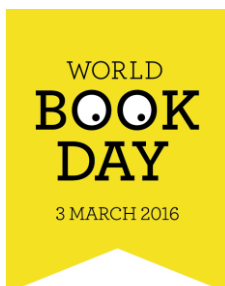


Other dates for next term and forthcoming events

Next term is very short with Easter being much earlier than in recent years. It will be a very busy term with a number of key school events taking place! To support you to plan for these, we have attached a summary of important dates to this letter for your information. Please put the dates on your calendars and full details of each one will follow in due course by separate letter as they are coming up. **All of these dates are also on our website for your convenience.**

Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher



Spring Term Dates

Please see below details of the dates of key events taking place between now and when school closes for Easter on 24th March 2016. Please put the dates on your calendars and full details of each event will follow by separate letter in due course.

Date	Event
Tuesday 9 th February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Safer Internet Day • Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Races • Y4 Trip to Pizza Express
Friday 12 th February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes for half-term
Monday 22 nd February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School re-opens for all children at the usual time.
Tuesday 23 rd February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of learning and Ofsted outcome event YN to Y6 6pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 24 th February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Parents' meetings 8.30am to 7pm
Monday 29 th February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Trip to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham
Wednesday 2 nd March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Meetings YR to Y5 - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 3 rd March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Meetings YR to Y5 – 3.30pm to 7pm • Y6 Dance Festival
Saturday 5 th March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-school Cross Country Event at SWA
Week commencing 7 th March 2016	BOOK WEEK to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Character Dressing Up Parade on Thursday 10th March at 9am
Thursday 10 th March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Netball Tournament at SWA 1pm to 3pm
Tuesday 15 th March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 Trip to the Space Centre in Leicester
Thursday 17 th March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Football Tournament 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday 23 rd March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorated Egg Competition Judging • End of term Easter Disco
Wednesday 24 th March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring term ends at 3.15pm
Tuesday 12 th April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer term begins for all pupils at the usual time.

