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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back for Spring term 2. We hope you enjoyed a lovely break with your family.

Reflecting back on Spring 1, there are many things for us to celebrate. The Maths Parental Engagement Programme for Years 1-6 and EYFS Numbers Day was a huge success, attended by over 80 parents/carers in total. It was lovely to see so many families taking part in fun real world maths activities. Don't forget to return your Maths Scrapbooks! The Multiplication Timestables and KS2 SATs workshops also provided an opportunity for parents/carers to learn more about forthcoming tests and how to support their children.

EYFS and KS1 enjoyed making music with Tuttle Fruttie Music Symphony as they travelled through the rainforest. As part of the Creative Collaboratives Project, children in Years 3 and 4 have worked with a drama specialist to learn about Ancient Egypt as part of their History unit. Year 3 children have also developed their knowledge of the environment through Forest Schools, along with many outdoor skills to support their personal development.

Children throughout the school took part in National Story Telling Week activities. Children from Year 5 and 6, enjoyed visiting classes across school and reading a story. Such wonderful expression and actions had us all engaged and wanting more! Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Day activities continue to support and promote the wellbeing and safety of our pupils. Chinese New Year and cultural diversity was celebrated with a delicious meal provided by our wonderful catering team.

Our Year 5 and 6 Reading Ranger Librarians have started the library lunchtime club, helping children to deepen their love of reading. Our Behaviour and Mini Sports Leaders are providing opportunities for pupils to engage in lunchtime activities, which are very much enjoyed by our children. The Green Team Leadership team continue to promote healthy eating and reducing food wastage at lunchtimes, as well as supporting the school environment through recycling monitoring and reducing electricity usage.

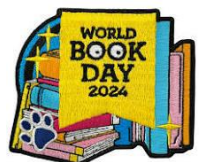
Please make note of this terms key events. More information to follow near the time on Class Dojo.

Eat Them to Defeat Them 26th February and the 22nd March

We are excited to be taking part in The 'Eat them to Defeat Them' campaign, which aims to help children and families eat more vegetables and make healthy food choices. The campaign will take part between 26th February and the 22nd March. Every Thursday during these dates, there will be a special meal served to the children to promote a particular vegetable and will be one of the three meals of choice on those days. Please see Class Dojo for more information.

World Book Day 7th March

On Thursday 7th March, children, staff and parents will be invited to take part in World Book Day. The theme this year is, 'Read Your Way' and calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading. *'Books allow you to see the world through the eyes of others.'* Malorie Blackman



Parents' Meetings

All parents/carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress during Parents' Meetings on **Monday 11th or Wednesday 13th March**. It is important that class teachers see every parent/carer to discuss your child's progress. Please make the time to attend.

Book Bus

We are very thrilled to announce that the Book Bus will be visiting school on Wednesday 13th March. Each class will visit the bus to listen to a story and children will have the opportunity to purchase a book. Parents/carers can also



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visit the bus at the end of the day and during Parents' Meetings to purchase a book for their child/children.

Comic Relief 15th March

To support Comic Relief on Friday 15th March, Mr McArthur and the Community Rangers will be planning a variety of fund raising activities. Your child may come to school in non-uniform, wearing something red if possible. We kindly ask that pupils pay £1 to do so. All funds raised will be donated to a very worthy cause.

Core Value Focus - Creativity

This term we will focus on developing pupils Creativity to promote free expression and developing the holistic child across the whole curriculum. Creativity is defined as the ability to generate or recognise ideas, alternatives, or possibilities that may be useful in solving problems, communicating with others, and entertaining ourselves and others. Creatives are often known as problem solvers, are able to face challenges, with flexibility and innovative thinking.

Attendance

All children are expected to attend school even if a family member is unwell or they have a mild cold/cough/headache. Our children find it difficult to catch up if they miss lessons. Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and the Local Authority will fine parents.

Research continues to show that a child's progress and attainment is affected if their attendance falls below 90%. If a child misses just 17 days (34 sessions) of school, their GCSE attainment is likely to drop by **ONE** whole grade. We expect all pupils to reach a **minimum attendance target of 97%**.

School Uniform:

Some children continue wear the incorrect uniform. Please ensure that your child wears:

- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with or without school logo
- White blouse/white shirt/white polo shirt
- Grey school skirt/pinafore/grey uniform trousers
- Sensible PLAIN black shoes (wellies must be changed for school shoes)
- Grey/white/black socks or grey tights in winter

PE Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct PE uniform on their allocated day: plain blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt/white polo shirt, plain black plimsolls/trainers. It is a **health and safety issue** for pupils to not wear the correct footwear.

Please make a note of the following dates:

21.02.24	Year 3 and 4 Weston Park Sheffield School Trip
26.02.24	Eat Them to Defeat Them – Healthy Eating Campaign Launch
29.02.24	Year 5 and 6 Cadbury World Class Visit
05.03.24	Year 2 University Detectives – University of Nottingham Campus
06.03.24	SEND Coffee Afternoon
07.03.24	World Book Day
11.03.24	British Science Week
15.03.24	Comic Relief Day
11.03.24	Parents' Meetings
13.03.24	Parents' Meetings, Book Bus visiting school
26.03.24	Achievement Assembly and House Team Award
27.03.24	100% Attendance Award
28.03.24	Always Award
28.03.24	Last day of term

As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are very much looking forward to another exciting term!

Kind regards,

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