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17th February, 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Just one last letter to end what has been a very long but productive half term!

Fundraising Fridays

The schedule is attached again for your reference. As promised, donuts have been purchased to order which will be given out to the children by the end of the day. Please come along and join us in the good old-fashioned tuck shop sale later today.

Comic Relief

To mark Red Nose Day, **on Friday 17th March**, children will be invited to wear something red, with a £1 donation per child going to Comic Relief. Additionally, there will be further fundraising activities, with full details going out after the half term break.

After School Club

We are still having children left in the care of after school club without booking in. This is totally unacceptable. You must book in with the required notice and you also must be contactable throughout the day as a matter of course. If you have not booked your child into the club, you will be asked to collect them immediately.

Unfortunately, a small minority of parents have failed to respond to calls about this. If your child is not booked into the club, is ill or has to go home for whatever reason, we must be able to contact someone on the child's list of contact numbers. The vast majority of parents and carers get this and it is never an issue with them. Whether you work or not, your priority has to be the welfare of your children – as it is ours. Failing to answer the phone or returning our calls quite frankly shows a lack of concern and that is very worrying.

After half term, if this situation persists, you will receive a letter suspending use of wraparound care and will have to make alternative childcare arrangements until you have met with me to discuss how the matter will be rectified. Please remember, this is a service and not a legal obligation on schools and if safeguarding is being compromised, we will always act in the best interests of the children.



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Phones

Just a reminder that **only** Year 5 and 6 children are permitted to bring phones into school as these are the only children who are allowed to walk home on their own with written parental permission. Phones **must** be handed into the school office on arrival – we have had to remind some year 6 children about this recently!

Strike action

We are hoping to remain open on **Wednesday 1st March** which is the next planned day for NEU industrial action. If we are fully open, attendance is expected and the day will run as usual.

Toy sale

We would like to appeal for donations of toys in good condition for our toy sale on **Friday 24th March**. So if you are planning on a de-clutter over the half term break, this would be a great opportunity to rehome the less popular items in your household! Please drop them into school at either end of the day after half term. Thanks in anticipation.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to Y4 parents and carers who joined Mr Lo, Mrs Moore and the children for the maths workshop on Wednesday. It was a great success and thank you for your positive comments and for joining in so enthusiastically. It will be the turn of Y5 parents and carers to join us on **Wednesday 8th March** – letter to follow.

That's all from us for this half term. Thank you for your continued support for the school to do the very best for the children. Have a lovely break next week – hopefully having some time off with your children and plans to look forward to. We will see you all again on Monday 27th February, when hopefully it will be beginning to feel a lot like spring!

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth



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FUNdraising Events Spring 2023	
Friday 10th February 3:30 • School playground	Donut Sale
Friday 17th February 3:30 • School playground	Tuck Shop
Part of World Book Week - letter to follow	Book Sale
Friday 10th March In school - letter to follow	Read and Relax
Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March Break time in school	Mother's Day Sale
Friday 24th March 3:30 • School playground	Toy Sale
Friday 31st March In school - details to follow	Spring Disco Easter Egg Hunt



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Spring planner

Date	Event	Notes
Half – term holiday: Monday 20th – Friday 24th February		
Monday 27 th February	School re-opens Great Fire of London workshop – Y2	
Wednesday 1 st March	Strike action	The school will hopefully be fully open but may be partially closed again unless your child falls into the categories stated in letters. We will confirm by Tuesday 28 th February.
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day activities	
Friday 3 rd March	STAR assembly Children dress up for World Book Day	
Wednesday 8 th March	Maths workshop - Y5: 9 – 10 am	Letter will follow
Friday 10 th March	School photographer in: Class photos STAR assembly	
Wednesday 15 th March	Strike action	See above
Thursday 16 th March	Strike action	See above
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day Y3 Mothers' Day assembly (Mothers' Day gifts will be on sale all of this week)	Children pay £1 for Comic relief to wear something red Y3 parents and carers invited
Wednesday 22 nd March	Maths workshop – Y3: 9 – 10 am	Letter will follow
Friday 24 th March	STAR assembly	
Wednesday 29 th March	Parents' evening – phone calls	Letter will follow
Thursday 30 th March	Parents' evening - in school meetings	
Friday 31 st March	Egg technology competition	Letter will follow
Easter Holiday: Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April Return to school: Monday 17 th April		



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Summer term planner

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 28 th April	STAR assembly	
Monday 1 st May	Early May bank holiday – school closed	
Thursday 4 th May	Local elections – school closed	
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Day – Bank holiday: school closed	
Tuesday 9 th May	Y6 SATs week	
Monday 15 th May	Y2 SATs week	
Friday 26 th May	STAR assembly	
Half term holiday: Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June		
Monday 5 th June	Staff training day – school closed	
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school	
	Y4 Multiplication check all week	
Friday 9 th June	STAR assembly	
Monday 12 th June	Y1 phonics screening check week Fathers' Day gifts will be on sale all of this week	
Friday 23 rd June	STAR assembly	
Monday 26 th June	Sports Day	Details to be confirmed
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports Day	Details to be confirmed
Thursday 7 th July	Reports to parents/carers	
Monday 10 th July	Arts week	
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 leavers' party	Please note this date has been changed from 20.7.23
Monday 24 th July	Y6 leavers' assembly	
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of term	