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18th February, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well, we made it to the end of a challenging and hard- working half term and I am very pleased to report that it has been a COVID free week! For the first time since we returned to school we have had no positive cases in the past 10 days. That is hopefully a good sign for the half term break and I hope that you and your children continue to remain well.

Parents' consultations

Thank you for being on the end of the phone to hear about your children's progress in school. Don't forget if you have any issues or concerns that you can contact the office to arrange a phone call or meeting with myself or Miss Williams.

Uniform and shoes

Obviously this has not been the main priority this year, but we have noticed that the uniform standards are slipping – particularly footwear. I have always allowed trainers as long as they are all black, but we have had a range of colours and lots of all white this term! Please make sure that you make time in the half term break to renew school shoes if your children need them. Boots are fine - again as long as they are black. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sickness

Just a reminder that if your child has had a bout of sickness or diarrhoea then they must remain away from school for 48 hours.

Clubs

We will be starting clubs again from the first week back, so if you had a place confirmed for the start of this term that still stands. A reminder will be sent out via the app if you have forgotten what clubs your children have been allocated to. Please remember that you must collect your child after school. They finish at 4.15 pm except for cookery which is 4.30 pm.



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Year 6 homework club

The homework club has been running very well each Friday but is not well-attended. It has already made a big difference to those children attending as it gives both myself and Miss Edwards a chance to help children and diagnose any gaps on a one to one basis. I am particularly appealing to children in my group as I have seen a lot of progress in the arithmetic scores of the children who attend. There are unfortunately some children who are not attending and not completing homework on time. As I have said to them, they will have a bit of a shock when they get to secondary school and now is the time to form good habits.

Year 6 can also come into the Media Centre from 8.15 am every morning to practise maths or spelling as needed. This has been going well and will continue right up to SATS week, so please take the opportunity if you can.

Spring 2 calendar:

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 28 February	Y5 trip to Kenilworth Castle	Please pay via the app if you have not already done so.
Friday 4 March	World Book Day activities	See Miss Williams' letter for details
Friday 11 March	Star Assembly	
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day	Children to wear something red. £1 donation to Comic Relief.
Friday 25 th March	Star Assembly	
Wednesday 30 th March	Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens	
Thursday 7 th April	Last day of term. Egg technology competition Dress as a chick/bunny	Please bring egg designs into school by 9.00 am. Letter will be sent out with further details
Easter holiday: Friday 8th April – Friday 22nd April		



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Should there be any further dates for the calendar we will notify you as they happen via email or text.

We will send the summer term calendar out during the first week back as there are still some dates which need to be confirmed. What we do know however, is that we will take **Friday 27th May** as our allowed day to observe the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. So the school will not be open to children that day. We plan to have a Jubilee celebration day in school the following week – details will follow.

So it just remains for me to wish you a happy week with your children – stay safe and well, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 28th February**.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth