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6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all! I hope you enjoyed a good break with the children and managed to find some time for yourselves as well. The children have returned with lots of energy and enthusiasm for the new term, and it was lovely to hear about their holiday activities.

#### **Home reading**

I just want to take an opportunity to emphasise the importance of children being heard reading aloud at home. This is particularly important from reception class to Year 2. Ideally 5 or 10 minutes daily will make a huge difference to the children's progress – fluency in reading is the biggest indicator of a child's future success. This could be yourselves hearing your child read, or an older sibling occasionally if it's hard to find a moment. Thank you if you are doing this already – you really will be making a difference every day.

#### **Class newsletters**

These are scheduled to go out on Monday to give you a picture of what the children will be learning this term. We will also be updating the website with their curriculum maps next week to give you more details.

#### **Young Voices**

Mrs Parry has sent out a further reminder letter about Young Voices for the choir and those attending from Year 5. Please check your children's bags when they go home today.

#### **Star Assembly**

Star assembly will take place next Friday but it will be a morning assembly on this day only – starting at 9.10 am. This is due to staff and children being absent in the afternoon due to attending the Young Voices concert in the afternoon.

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### **Clubs**

The only clubs running next week will be sports clubs and the choir just for that week. If your child was already in a sports club last term, then they can continue to attend if you wish them to. The rest of the clubs begin week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January and you will be notified as to whether or not your child has a place next week.

### **Calendar**

I have attached the calendar for the term with the events we have already - there may be additions as we progress through the term. As you will see in the notes, separate letters will be sent out closer to the time of each event.

I think that's all for now. Please keep checking for further messages next week. Until then, have a lovely weekend and I'll see you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth



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### Spring term: calendar of events

| Date                                                                                                                            | Event                                                 | Notes                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January                                                                                                 | Teacher training day – school closed                  |                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                                                                                               | School re-opens                                       |                                                                                                       |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January                                                                                                 | STAR assembly                                         | 9.10 am start                                                                                         |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January                                                                                              | Maths workshop – Y6: 9 – 10 am                        | Letter will follow                                                                                    |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January                                                                                                 | Y4 – Chinese New year assembly                        | Parents and carers welcome to join us at 2.45 pm.<br>(Changed from original date sent out last term.) |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January                                                                                                 | STAR assembly                                         |                                                                                                       |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January                                                                                                 | History man in - Y5 and Y6                            |                                                                                                       |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                 | History man in - Y3 and Y4                            |                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                | Safer Internet day                                    |                                                                                                       |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                | STAR assembly                                         |                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                             | Maths workshop – Y4: 9 – 10 am                        | Letter will follow                                                                                    |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                | Y5 trip to Kenilworth Castle                          | Letter will follow                                                                                    |
| <b>Half – term holiday: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                            |                                                       |                                                                                                       |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                | School re-opens<br>Great Fire of London workshop – Y2 |                                                                                                       |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                                                                                                    | STAR assembly                                         |                                                                                                       |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                                                                                                  | World Book Day                                        | Letter will follow                                                                                    |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                 | Maths Workshop - Y5: 9 – 10 am                        | Letter will follow                                                                                    |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                  | Occupational Therapy workshop: 1 – 3 pm               | Mrs Stoiber will contact parents and carers                                                           |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                   | School photographer in: Class photos<br>STAR assembly |                                                                                                       |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                   | Red Nose Day<br><br>Y3 Mothers' Day assembly          | Children pay £1 for Comic relief to wear something red<br>Y3 parents and carers invited               |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                                                                                                | Maths workshop – Y3: 9 – 10 am                        | Letter will follow                                                                                    |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                   | STAR assembly                                         |                                                                                                       |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March                                                                                                   | Egg technology competition                            | Letter will follow                                                                                    |
| Easter Holiday: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Return to school: Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April |                                                       |                                                                                                       |

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