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Key Dates for this term:

- W/C 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week.
- 14.2.23 - Safer Internet Day.
- Friday 17th February - school closes for the half-term break.
- Monday 27th February - PD Day. School closed to pupils.
- 2.3.23 - World Book Day (further details to follow from Mrs Lee).
- W/C 6th March - National Careers Week.
- Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March 2023 - Parent Consultation Evenings.
- Thursday 30th March - The return of Easter Bingo! Further details to follow.
- Friday 31st March - School closes for the Easter Holidays.



Termly Update

It has been a busy half term in the run up to Christmas. We are so grateful to you all for your support with the Family Learning events, Christmas Fair and our Christmas performances, all of which have been a great success. Our Christmas Fair raised a grand total of £1500. This money will be put towards resources for the children, improving our school environment and technology, and funding further school visits.

Our Family Learning events have been very popular again this year, with all events being over-subscribed. Thank you to all who have attended as this really helps to support our home/school relationship and to give you the opportunity to come into school and share what your children have been doing. There will be further events taking place next term.

ParentMail

ParentMail is our main channel of communication with parents. All key letters, consent forms and information are sent via ParentMail, so please check this regularly. Facebook is only used to share some of the key events taking place in school along with some reminders, as we are aware that not all parents access Facebook. Therefore, please do not rely just on the information on our Facebook page as this does not contain all of the key information parents need.

Absence Reporting

As part of our attendance policy, it is vital that any pupil absence is reported to the school on the first day of absence and any subsequent days. This must be reported to the school via phone (01642 453157) or via ParentMail. Any absences that are not reported to the school office will be followed up with a phone call and a subsequent home visit if contact cannot be made to ensure that all is well. This

is part of our duty of care as a school and as I'm sure you can appreciate, takes a significant amount of staff time each day. Reporting your child's absence on a morning, ensures that we are aware of the reason for their absence and prevents staff having to make further contact to check on the welfare of the children. We appreciate your support with this.

Support for Families

I would just like to say a big thank you to the staff who have spent a lot of time recently collecting, organising and distributing Christmas presents and hampers for our families this year. We hope that they make a big difference in these challenging times.

Parental Survey

We are grateful to all parents and carers who completed our parental survey at our recent Parent Consultation Evening. We had a fantastic 151 responses. This feedback is vital for us to address any concerns that you may have, but also to enable us to see what is working well for your children. The feedback can be seen below which was overwhelmingly positive. We have followed up on any concerns raised and suggestions made, but please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any questions or queries at any time.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire October 2022		strongly agree or agree	disagree or strongly disagree
1.	My child usually enjoys coming to school.	98%	2%
2.	I feel my child is safe and well cared for at school.	100%	
3.	My child is making good progress.	99%	1%
4.	The school encourages good behaviour.	100%	
5.	The school deals with poor behaviour and incidents of bullying.	99%	1%
6.	My child likes the school's reward systems to promote good behaviour and work.	100%	
7.	The school responds to my concerns and suggestions.	99%	1%
8.	The school helps me to become involved in and support my child's learning.	100%	
9.	The school provides a good range of additional activities for the children.	99%	1%
10.	The staff at the school are approachable, friendly and helpful.	100%	
11.	I feel comfortable approaching school if I have a question or concerns	100%	
12.	I would recommend the school to another parent	100%	

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all when the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.