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Headteacher: Mrs Ruth Laing BEd (Hons)

Tuesday 4th January 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year!

We hope that this finds you all well and that you have all had a wonderful break with your families over the past two weeks.

Thank you to everyone for your warm wishes, beautiful cards and gifts. Once again, your well wishes and generosity have been so touching and we have been so grateful.

As we begin this term, I would like to share a couple of key bits of information and also the key dates for both spring terms 1 and 2.

Firstly, this is a reminder that **next Friday 13th January 2023 is an INSET day for the school and Little Foxes playgroup**. We know that this is not a usual day to hold a school INSET day but as a school we have been asked to become a national training centre for the development of reading. This means that alongside the writing training and development that we run for other schools across the country, we will also begin training and supporting other schools with their development of reading. In order to do this, we continue to embrace and work on our own developments and as such, we have a whole school staff training day that is being led by some external consultants next Friday.

I would also like to let you know that we will run our next Sparkle Spot session on Friday 20th January 2023. Classrooms will be open from 8:30 am until 9:00 am if you would like to pop in and have a look at your child's work. Any family member is very welcome to pop in.

Over this coming term, we will begin to hold our class assemblies again. This will be a wonderful opportunity for each class to lead an assembly for their families to watch, to celebrate their learning over the year. Families are welcome to attend these events and we look forward to seeing as many of you that are able to attend as possible. This term assemblies will be led by Owl, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Dove and Nightingale classes. The other classes will hold their assemblies during the summer term.

Finally, I need to let you know about a really unfortunate incident that happened at the end of last term. As one of our children was leaving school on the last day of term carrying their PE bag, the cord of the bag became caught around the child's neck and the child became distressed. Thanks to the quick response of the parent and school staff, the child was okay, however we all recognise that this was an incident that could have been extremely dangerous and could have caused significant harm. As such we ask that when your child is carrying their PE bag either into or out of school, that they carry it by hand and not over their shoulder or round their neck. School staff will ensure that the children carry their bags out of school by hand and adults are also always available to support your child with carrying their bags if they need any help. We will also be contacting our uniform supplier to see whether they can offer an alternative to a bag with a cord to minimise any risk moving forward.

Thank you for your support with this.

Sending our best wishes and we look forward to another fantastic term ahead.

Ruth Laing

Headteacher

KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2023

SPRING TERM 1:

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Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Spring term 1 starts - School open at normal time - 8:30 am
Friday 13 th January 2023	Whole school INSET day - School closed to the children
Friday 20 th January 2023	Whole school Sparkle Spot session - 8:30 am - 9:00 am
Week of 23 rd January 2023	Bikeability for Year 6 children (for those that have not already completed it)
Thursday 26 th January 2023	Choir to Young Voices concert in Birmingham
Friday 27 th January - Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Book Fair
Tuesday 31 st January 2023	Cricket sessions for all classes across the day
Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Virtual Amazon visit for Kestrel class
Friday 3 rd February 2023	NSPCC Number Day - The children can come to school dressed as something mathematical
Wednesday 8 th February 2023	Year 5 class assembly @ 9:15 am - All Y5 parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 9 th February 2023	Cross country race @ The Vineyards
Week beginning Monday 13 th February 2023	Year 5 children will be invited to visit Tewkesbury School for a taster day. Specific date TBC
Wednesday 15 th February 2023	Year 6 class assembly @ 9:15 am - All Y6 parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 16 th February 2023	Cross country race @ The Vineyards
Friday 17 th February 2023	Last day of spring term 1
Monday 20 th February - Friday 24 th February 2023	Half term holiday

SPRING TERM 2:

Monday 27 th February 2023	Spring term 2 begins
Tuesday 28 th February 2023	Owl class (Year 6) trip to STEAM museum
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	WORLD BOOK DAY - Children can come dressed as their favourite book character or can bring in their favourite book
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	5:30 - 6:00 pm - Books at bedtime session in school - The children can come back to school to have a story read by a member of staff and some hot chocolate.
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	Cross country fun run and presentation 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Football competition for KS2 football team 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Kingfisher class assembly @ 9:15 am - All Kingfisher class parents/ families are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 15 th March 2023	Dove class assembly @ 9:15 am - All Dove class parents/ families are welcome to attend.
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Parents evening - 3:30 pm - 6:00pm - Via Zoom
Monday 20 th March 2023	Parents evening - 3:30 pm - 6:00pm - In person
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Netball competition for KS2 netball team 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Nightingale class assembly @ 9:15 am- All Nightingale class parents/ families are welcome to attend.
Monday 27 th March 2023	Whole school Sparkle Spot session - 8:30 am - 9:00 am
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Y3,4,5 Play performance @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Y3,4,5 Play performance @ 2:00 pm
Friday 31 st March 2023	End of spring term - School ends at normal time

Further information about each specific event will be shared nearer the time and additional events or activities may be added.