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**6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## ***From the Head Teacher***

### ***Happy New Year***

Happy New Year! Welcome back to this new term. I hope that you had a Happy Christmas and a great break.

### ***Punctuality***

Please note that the school day **begins** at 8:50am and the gates are locked at this time. This means that the children should be **lined up** on the MUGA at 8:50 and **not arriving** at this time. We have had a number of children arriving after the gates have been locked and going straight to the office door. This should be an exception and not a routine. Not only does it mean that the children are not starting the day with the rest of their class and missing key learning time but it also takes valuable time from the office staff to let them in and escort them to the classroom. Please can you work with us to ensure that the school day starts promptly and efficiently.

### ***School Day***

Please note that in line with statutory changes the school day from September 2023 will be 8:45 – 3:15 each day.

### ***School Absences***

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please email or telephone the office (there is an answerphone to leave a message) **before 8.45am at the latest**. The office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm, but the answerphone is always on. If your child is off ill for a second or third day you still need to let us know each morning before this time, we cannot assume that because they have not come in, they are still poorly.

### ***Uniform***

Please can I remind everyone that they need to have a coat with them every day and keep a pair of wellies in school. We do go out for play times and enjoy Forest Friday in all weathers and do not want children to miss out as they do not have the appropriate clothing. We had a number of children in school this week without a coat or wellies. Also to remind people that the school uniform includes only black, grey or white socks, we seem to be seeing an array of different colours appearing!

### ***Stationery***

We have had a number of children start the school year without the stationery items that they require for their learning. As a reminder KS1 and KS2 children need a pencil case with: pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler, glue stick, coloured pens/pencils. KS2 also need blue ink pens (no biro) with spare pens or ink cartridges too.

### ***Toys and Personal Items***

Just to remind everyone that no toys, including fidget toys, should be brought into school. They can cause a distraction to both the owner and other children and we cannot guarantee their safety. There are some children who are permitted to use fidget toys, but this will be on the recommendation of the teacher or SENCo and will be communicated to the parents.

### ***Homework***

Homework is an essential element of children's primary school education. It enables them to develop their learning at home by extending what they have learned at school, ensuring that they are secure in their understanding of key concepts and mastery of key skills. In the Autumn term a number of children did not complete homework tasks, including conducting research to be used in lesson time. Whilst the teachers do plan for such eventualities those children who had been able to research independently gained a far richer experience from the lesson.

### ***Celebration Assembly***

We are pleased to say that Celebration Assembly will be back with us next Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Kind regards***

***Mrs France***

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***Emails and Letters Sent this Week***

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Email	All Classes	Office	JR Football After School Club
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Email	All Classes	Office	The Kids Packed Lunch Company

***Diary Dates Spring Term 2023*** (New or revised dates in bold)

<b>January</b>	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Governor's Vision and Values Meeting
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bags to School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Choir starting back
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTA meeting in the school hall
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	AM – Owl Class Oral Health PM – Owl Class Garsington Opera workshop and auditions
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Trainee teacher, Miss Harris, joins Squirrel Class working with Mrs Biggin
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>February</b>	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	ICT Enrichment Week
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Valentine's Disco
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Weights and Measures Reception and Year 6
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day – come dressed as a book character
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Science Enrichment Week
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	RE Enrichment Week
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1:00-1:30 pm Children's work and books available for parents to look at with children. School Closes 1:30pm

***Academic Year Calendar 2022-23***

<b>Autumn 22</b>	
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct – Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Autumn Term (2)
<b>Spring 23</b>	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Term (1)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Spring Term (2)
<b>Summer 23</b>	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April - Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer Term (2)

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