



Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	CONCERNING
25th Feb	School photos - Reception classes and Year 6 ONLY	Reception and Year 6
29th Feb	Reception classes to Forest School - first visit	Reception
2nd Mar	Foundation Stage Workshops for parents	Reception parents
3rd Mar	Waterside Theatre trip - Year 4	Year 4
4th Mar	First Friday Mass - NO BREAKFAST CLUB	All invited
7th - 11th Mar	Year 6 Residential to Boreatton Park	Year 6
7th Mar	Chiltern Open Air Museum trip for Year 3	Year 3
8th Mar	Year 4 on walking tour of Aylesbury	Year 4
11th Mar	Park Away Day	All parents
14th Mar	INSET DAY - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	All children
15th Mar	SEN Review Day - Reception K, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 & Year 4	Invited RK, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4
15th Mar	Young Shakespeare workshop - 'The Tempest' for Year 4, 5 & 6	Year 4, 5 & 6
16th Mar	SEN Review Day - Reception T, Year 5 and Year 6	Invited RK, Y5 and Y6 parents
16th Mar	Foundation Stage Workshops for parents	Reception parents
18th Mar	Year 5 to Wendover Woods	Year 5
Week Com 21st Mar	Holy Week visits to St Clare's Church	Years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6
21st Mar	Reception classes to Forest School - second visit	Reception
22nd Mar	Easter Egg Raffle draw	All children
24 Mar	Last day of term - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON	All children

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our February newsletter. We hope you had a very enjoyable half term holiday. This coming half term is very short but there is still a lot to fit in and we have a very busy few weeks ahead!

LENT



Lent began on Ash Wednesday and it was lovely that so many of you could join us for Mass. Our theme this year is based around the following:

Lent is a time for a change of heart, a time for thinking of others and a time for prayer.

Very shortly you will be receiving a Prayer Card which reminds us of this. It also has our Lenten Prayer on it. This year we will be in school for Holy Week and as part of our theme of 'Journeys' we will be visiting St Clare's Church and focusing on the Stations of the Cross.

More information will be coming out to you shortly regarding our intended activities during Holy Week. Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to finish the Spring Term with our usual end of term Mass. This is because the last day of term will in fact be Holy Thursday so Father John will be at the Cathedral that day as it is Holy Thursday, Father John will be at the Cathedral in Northampton with Bishop Peter.

DON'T FORGET

Important dates attached to this newsletter:

- 4th March - **First Friday Mass - NO BREAKFAST CLUB**
- 8 - 11 March - **Year 6 residential visit to Boreatton Park**
- 11th March - **Park Away Day**
- 14th March - **INSET DAY - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Many of the children look forward to our Easter egg Raffle and they will be pleased to hear it will be running again this year!

Raffle tickets will be available for sale from the school office from 7th March. They will be sold for

10p each or 50p per strip.

If you would like to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle please send them into the school office - we understand that the supermarkets have some great deals on at the moment!

The draw will be made on Tuesday 22nd March.



BUILDING WORKS

The building work is coming along nicely and the nursery is almost finished. We are hoping that the new Key Stage 2 block, including the new school hall, will be finished by the beginning of June

ready for us to move in. At that point all of the classes will move into the new school while work begins on the existing school. Once the work on the existing school is finished the Reception and Key Stage 1 classes will move back into the 'old' school.

It is obviously going to be a very busy time in school and we may be asking you for your help when the move of children, resources, furniture etc takes place. Many hands make light work!

PARKING

We are getting a high volume of calls from the residents near the back gate (Cousins Drive, Viscount Close and Matthews Close) complaining that parents dropping children off at school are parking very inconsiderately. We understand you may only be parking for a short time, however, sometimes residents need to leave their properties at a certain time and are very frustrated when they cannot get out of their own drives!

We appreciate that parking at the beginning and end of school is very difficult, however, the office staff are having to deal with all of these complaints. This takes up a lot of our time and it is not very nice having to constantly deal with unhappy people simply because of a few people's thoughtlessness.



STAFFING CHANGES

I am sure you will be disappointed to hear that Mr Horsfield, our Year 5 class teacher and Key Stage 2 Leader will be leaving us at the end of this term. I know he will be a 'big miss' and we will all be sorry to lose him. However, we wish him well and much luck at his new school, who are very lucky to have him!



THRIFT SHOP



As you will know, the children will be able to wear summer uniform after the Easter holidays. Because of this Mrs Mitchell will be holding a Thrift Shop sale in the hall at the end of the day on Monday 21 March 2016. If you would like to buy anything from the Thrift Shop in preparation for the summer, please do come along.

Of course, if you have anything that could be donated to the Thrift Shop before this date we would be very grateful if you could send them into the school office. Thank you!

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Parents should be aware that it is no longer possible to have holidays in term time. If your child is away for any reason other than illness you must complete a Leave of Absence form even if you think the absence will be unauthorised.

If there are extenuating circumstances for your child's absence you should complete the same form with as many details as possible. In exceptional cases Mrs Louisy may authorise the absence but it must be agreed with her first.



STAR PUPILS

- ★ Congratulations to Keianna Brook-Palombo in Year 1 for achieving her level 8 Gymnastics Proficiency Award!
- ★ Carmelo Almadin in Year 6 took part in the Norfolk county Swimming Championships this month and came away with two second places, two personal bests and a whole host of other 'places' in many races. Well done Carmelo!
- ★ Well done to Amari Tobin in Year 1 who has achieved his red belt in martial arts!
- ★ And finally many congratulations to George Walmsley in Year 1 who received a certificate from the Florence Nightingale charity for donating some of his own toys to the charity. What a kind thing to do!