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Friday 14th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Star of the Half Term

Congratulations to everyone who has been awarded Star of the Half Term today: Florrie, Delilah, Roxy, Bali, Finley, Connie, Emilia, Cora, Florence, Neve, Sydney, Vivaan, Noah and Charlie. We are very proud of you for all your hard work and your kindness towards your friends. Well done!

Open Mornings and Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you to everyone who was able to visit school last week to take part in Children's Mental Health Week during our Open Mornings. Children and adults took part in some fun activities learning about recognising and understanding emotions as well as learning about different ways to promote positive mental health. Thank you for all the positive feedback. To continue to develop the pupils' understanding of how to keep themselves mentally healthy, we are further developing our PSHE curriculum, with additional learning for all year groups themed on the strands of: Discover, Take Notice, Connect, Give and Move. More details will be provided on the school website in due course.

Y3 Northwich Education Partnership Dance Festival

Yesterday, we went to Leftwich High School for a dance festival with children from other different primary schools in Northwich. We learnt four dances for four different songs. The dance teacher showed us all the different steps and moves and we had to remember them – it was very hard! We had to take a packed tea and a packed lunch, and there was a very noisy bell that kept ringing! We wore t-shirts and leggings but there were spares if you didn't have one. We worked very hard all day long for a performance in the evening. All the families came and it was a bit scary and nerve-wracking at first, but it was fun once we started. Thanks to Mrs Evans for taking us there. Nancy, Charlize and Eloise

NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents and Carers

On Friday 14th March, the NSPCC will be holding a workshop at school from 9.00am -10.00am aimed at supporting parents and carers with keeping children and young people safe when online. Educating our children to keep themselves safe online is increasingly important and we hope for a good attendance at this workshop to support the school's Online Safety curriculum. Tea, coffee and pastries will be available. A separate letter with details will be sent next half term.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March and this year we are inviting everyone to join in and 'Read Their Way'. A letter was sent this morning but it wasn't clear that as well as the option to 'dress comfy' children are also encouraged to dress up as a book character if this is 'their way'. We spoke to groups of children about what this year's theme means to them, and they chose 'dressing comfy' and 'bringing a buddy' to read to. The children will bring home a Book Detectives Scavenger Hunt and their World Book Day voucher, along with the letter outlining the different activities taking place in school tonight.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you in advance to our newly appointed pupil Attendance Champions who start their work next half term. The Champions will meet and greet families on the playground making sure everyone receives a warm welcome. The Champions will also check in on pupils returning to school after an absence to make sure they're settling back into school well. The Champions will also have an important role in our weekly assemblies.

Congratulations to all the children who received the Gold and Silver Attendance Awards this half term. Attendance has been very good this half term (96.6%) so well done to everyone. Year 2 had the highest attendance this week with 98.8%!

A reminder that school starts at 8.45am and the children need to be in their classrooms by this time. Please do your best to maintain good punctuality next half term – thank you.

PTA Events

Thank you for supporting our PTA events this half term. Family Film Night was successful and the PTA plan to do further Family Film Nights in the future taking advantage of the good summer weather. Next half term the PTA will be running a Mother's Day cake sale and the always popular Chocolate Bingo. Thank you to everyone in the PTA for all their hard work fundraising for the school. Look out on the playground tonight for the PTA selling their end of half term tasty treats!

Music Curriculum

As we develop our Music Curriculum we are providing more opportunities for the children to hear high quality, inspiring musical performances, along with providing more opportunities for the children to take part in meaningful musical performances themselves. We are very excited as Cambridge University Brass Band will be visiting school on Monday 24th March to perform to the children! We will also hold short Spring concerts in the last week of next half term when the children will play their instruments and sing Spring themed songs. Nursery and Reception will hold 'Spring Stay and Sing' events for families. A separate letter will follow.

Monday 31 st March at 2.30pm	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 1 st April at 2.30pm	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 2 nd April at 2.15pm	Reception
Thursday 3 rd April at 9.00am	Nursery
Thursday 3 rd April at 2.30pm	Year 1 and Year 2

Parents Evenings and Work Gallery

Parents Evenings will be on Wednesday 26th March (3.30-5.30pm) and Thursday 27th March (3.30pm-6.00pm). The Dane Hall (KS2 building) will be open on both occasions with a gallery of the children's work from across the curriculum, including their Art work and their Design and Technology projects. A letter will be sent next half term with appointment booking details and we hope you will be able to pop into the gallery when you visit.

Dates for the Diary

More details will be sent out about all of the following:

- World Hearing Day: Monday 3rd March – learning and activities on the theme
- World Book Day: Thursday 6th March - themed Lunch, dressing up and reading events
- Science Week: Monday 10th March - activities and learning on the theme of 'Change and Adapt'
- PTA Dress Down Day Friday 14th March – for the Easter raffle
- NSPCC Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers – Friday 14th March 9.00am-10.00am
- Year 3 Burwardsley Residential: Wednesday 19th March to Friday 21st March
- Comic Relief: Friday 21st March - dressing up and fundraising
- Cambridge University Brass Band concert: Monday 24th March
- Big Walk and Wheel: week beginning Monday 24th March - walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school
- Parents Evenings: Wednesday 26th March and Thursday 27th March
- PTA Mother's Day Cake Sale: Friday 28th March
- Book Fair: Thursday 27th March to Wednesday 2nd April
- Spring Performances: week beginning Monday 3rd March
- PTA Chocolate Bingo: Tuesday 1st April
- World Autism Awareness Day: Wednesday 2nd April – learning and activities on the theme

Ofsted Consultation

Ofsted are consulting with parents, carers, professionals and learners on their new proposals for inspections. [Click here](#) if you would like to have your say in the consultation.

Half Term - INSET day Monday 24th February

A reminder that Monday 24th February is an INSET day and school is closed to the children. School reopens to the children on Tuesday 25th February. Have a fantastic half term break.

Your sincerely
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