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Dear Parents,

I hope all of our families enjoyed the half-term break as much as was possible and managed to spend some quality family time together.

Parents' Meetings

We will be holding mid-year parents' meetings on Monday 11th March and Wednesday 13th March from 4-7pm. There will be an additional meeting for children in Nursery on Tuesday 12th March from 9-11.30am. Appointment times were sent out via Parent App on Monday evening, so if you have not yet had an opportunity to make an appointment, please log into Parent App, and select a time slot most suitable for you. All meetings will be 10 minutes long and you will have an opportunity to look at your child's books either before or after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you all in school very soon.

Y1 Class Assemblies

We are very excited to invite Y1 parents in to school to watch their children perform in their class assembly. The children have been busy rehearsing in school (and I am sure at home) ready to share all of their learning from this term with you. We would like to welcome 2 grown-ups from each family to come along and watch the performance. We ask that you source alternative childcare for any little ones who are not at school as they can sometimes unintentionally distract the children when performing. They have worked so hard learning their lines, songs and dances, we wouldn't want this to happen. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Dates/times are as follows:

Tues 19 th Mar	9.15am Class 4 Assembly
Wednesday 20 th Mar	9.15am Class 5 Assembly
Thursday 21 st Mar	9.15am Class 6 Assembly

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day and the enjoyment of reading on Thursday 7th March. Teachers have planned some exciting activities for the day both in year groups and as a whole school. Children are invited to come to school dressed up. Please see individual Year Group Newsletters for information and more details regarding costumes themes and activities for your child. Please do not feel you need spend lots of money purchasing a costume.

Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March we will be turning RED to celebrate red nose day by dressing 'red-toe'. So, dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster-coloured trousers or simply don some scarlet socks- how far you take it is up to you! We just ask that you wear at least one red item to help us celebrate the work of Lenny Henry, who is hosting Comic Relief for the last time after 39 years. If you wish to donate to Red Nose Day, we will be collecting with buckets on each of the school gates on the Friday morning.

Parent/Carer Workshops

Towards the end of this term we will be offering some parental workshops to help you support your child in phonics. As your child progresses through the phonic phases, it is useful to find out what they will be learning and how to support their application of this knowledge in their new phase. The workshops will consist of staff sharing some key information about the specific phonic phase your child is working in followed by a chance to look at some different activities you can do at home to support learning. Staff will be delivering a phase 3 workshop on Monday 18th March, a phase 5 workshop on Tuesday 19th March and a Year 2 workshop focusing on reading comprehension, spelling and grammar strategies will be held on Thursday 21st March. All workshops will begin at 5.15pm and be finished by 6pm. If you are not sure which workshop to attend please check with your child's class teacher at your upcoming parent meeting.

After Easter we will also be holding some Mathematical Workshops for parents. More information will be sent out about these towards the end of term.

FOFIS Events

The next event on the FOFIS calendar is the Easter Bingo on Friday 8th March.

FOFIS will be holding a Mufti Day for the Bingo on Monday 4th March for donations of chocolates or Easter Eggs. All donations will be used to make up prize hampers for the bingo and a raffle. Easter bingo tickets have all been sent out.

FOFIS will also be holding Easter Discos on Tuesday 26th March at 4.30-5.30pm and 6-7pm. More information will follow a little nearer the time.

Easter Bonnet Parades

Easter Bonnet parades will now be taking place on the second to last day of term, Wednesday 27th March (last day of term for Nursery children). There will be prizes awarded for the most creative entries, so you may want to start gathering some empty egg boxes and other supplies and start a Pinterest board of ideas to help your child along the way. We are always amazed at the children's ideas and creativity.

Golden Ticket Reward

As we near the end of the second week of this half term, I hope everyone is well on their way to achieving their Golden Ticket by meeting their reading targets. The Golden Ticket reading reward this half term will be entry into a children's entertainer event hosted in school. However, after reviewing the children's reading diaries, and comparing them to the progress children are making in phonics/reading, I can honestly say the real reward is most definitely the children's rapidly increasing attainment in reading. You may have seen the recent news reports describing a crisis in reading levels for young children in the UK, and parts of the North West were cited as some of the worst areas. Let's work together to make sure our children do not become one of these statistics by creating a culture of reading for them both in school and at home. The positive impact regular reading has on your child is something you won't believe until you see it for yourself! Remember, being able to read opens the doors to all of the other subjects in the curriculum as well as a world of pure imagination for children to immerse themselves into. Thank you as always for your continued support. If you do need any support or advice around home reading please see your child's class teacher, Miss Oldham (English lead), Mrs Boardman or call into speak to one of our Team Around the School Practitioners at the next drop in session.

Upcoming Dates

March

Mon 4 th March	Mufti Day for chocolate donations
Thurs 7 th Mar	World Book day 7pm Diversity Concert -Mountford Hall, Liverpool
Fri 8 th Mar	9.15am Prospective Parent tour 6pm - Easter Bingo
Mon 11 th Mar	Yr1 Trip to Martin Mere 4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Wed 13 th Mar	4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Fri 15 th Mar	Notification of Nursery places for entry Sept 2024 Comic Relief - 'Red-to-Toe'
Mon 18 th Mar	5.15-6pm - Phonics Phase 3 Workshop 4pm Prospective Parent tour
Tues 19 th Mar	Class 4 Assembly for Parents @ 9.15am 5.15-6pm - Phonics Phase 5 Workshop.
Wed 20 th Mar	Class 5 Assembly for Parents @ 9.15am
Thurs 21 Mar	Class 6 Assembly for Parents@ 9.15am 5.15-6pm - Year 2 Comprehension, Spelling & Grammar Workshop.
Wed 27 th Mar	Whole School - Easter Bonnet Parades (Change of date) End of Term for Nursery children
Thurs 28 th Mar	Golden Ticket Reward Celebration! 1.50pm End of Term

Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April 2024 Easter Holiday

Mon 15th April Return to school

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 15th March 2024.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher