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Be nice, work hard, never give up

16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year! The Spring Term has had a very positive start and over this half term, the children have worked incredibly hard to develop a range of skills and have produced work to be extremely proud of. Though I think everyone is definitely ready for a well-deserved break!

Coming up after half term ...

Spring into Spring Monday 26th February 2024

On the first day back after half term, we will once again be focusing on mental well-being, in order to support the children to settle back into school.

The theme this time is 'Spring into spring' and will focus on getting up and out there after a long winter.

We will aim to get moving, reminding the children of the vital link between physical activity and good mental health.

This will form part of the bigger picture of staying healthy – physically and mentally by eating well, getting enough sleep, drinking water and doing things that we enjoy.

The children will be greeted by a song in the morning and we are asking them to wear spring colours of yellow and green. This can be a little bit or a whole outfit. Every class will be doing some physical activity, so children might like to come to school in their sportswear and trainers on this day.

Coffee and a Chat – Friday 1st March 2024

We are really excited to invite you to an event to discuss Neurodiverse conditions seen in some of our children. This includes Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC), ADHD and Developmental Co-ordination Disorder/Dyspraxia.

The event will be attended by a member of the 0-19 school nursing team, who will be available to discuss any difficulties you may be having and to share some helpful advice for managing these conditions.

Mrs Higgerson (SENCo) will be there, to share strategies that we use in school to support your children.

We will share with you some useful websites and some helpful information.

Refreshments will be provided, as well as the opportunity to talk to other parents and share tips and ideas.

Your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis, although it is fine if they have. They can already be on one of the referral pathways or you may just have some concerns that your child exhibits signs of one of the above conditions. You are very welcome to join us.

This event will take place on Friday 1st March from 9am, starting with an introductory talk and then an opportunity to get a cuppa and browse some resources, meet the Nurse and catch up with other parents.

Please complete the form to secure a place. <https://forms.gle/29Ra73q9B6Ejicu47>

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

We love reading a Greenleas and so will be celebrating World Book Day to promote the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Dressing up can often be a big part of World Book Day. This year we are aware that the cost-of-living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we are doing things a bit differently!

Instead of coming in costume, we will be celebrating the theme 'Read Your Way' by:

1. Asking the children to bring in a photograph showing them reading in their favourite place. You can email the school office with your photograph if you prefer.
2. Sending your child's favourite book in with them on the day so that they can share it with their friends.
3. Inviting the children to get cosy and wear their pyjamas instead of their uniform.

On the day your child will be given a £1 book token - simply take it to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book. OR use it to get £1 off ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.

You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without your support. Thank you.

Diary Dates 2024 Please check frequently for updates.

February 2024	
26.02.24	Term Begins for all- Spring into Spring – wear green and yellow
March 2024	
01.03.24	Y6-7 Allocation Day
01.03.24	9am Coffee and a Chat – Neurodiversity workshop
07.03.24	World Book Day
08.03.24	Y5/6 Viking Day
w/c 11.03.24	POOC Assemblies
w/c 18.03.24	Sign Language Week
21.03.24	Thrive Workshop – details to follow
20.03.24/21.03.24	Parents' Meetings
28.3.24	End of Spring Term
April 2024	
15.04.24	Summer Term begins for all
May 2024	
7/8.5.23	Y4 Residential Barnstondale
w/c 13.05.24	Y6 SATs
16.05.24	Summer Census Lunch
20.05.24	Class Photographs
w/c 20.05.24	Y6 Bikeability
24.05.24	Half Term
June 2024	
03.06.24	Term begins for all
w/c 03.06.24	Y4 times tables check
w/c 10.06.23	Y1 Phonics Screening check
24.06.24	Y6 Residential
July 2024	
03.07.24	INDUCTION Day
10.07.24	Transition meetings for parents times tbc
11.07.24	Pupil Written Reports to parents
19.07.24	End of term for children SDD4/5 22.7.24 and 23.7.24

Have a lovely half term and thank you so much for your support, we couldn't do it without you. Your children are just amazing and are what makes it all worthwhile. I look forward to seeing all our children return refreshed and ready for the run up to Easter on Monday 26th February 2024 by 8:55am.

Warmest Wishes
Mrs Sharon Edwards
Headteacher