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Black History Month

As always, we will be celebrating Black History Month in school. Year groups will be covering the following aspects: Year 3 will be looking at inspirational figures, including Laurie Cunningham, to explore how one person can inspire a generation. Year 4 are creating African inspired masks in art. Year 5 will study the life of Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician, whose scientific calculations helped NASA send astronauts safely into space. Year 6 are creating a week-long project titled 'Why is Black History Month Important?'

Apple Fayre Parade

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the making of, and parading our phoenix scarecrow along the High Street last Saturday morning. We are extremely proud to take part in these community events.

Modeshift Regional Awards Ceremony

Our new year 5 Active Travel Ambassadors, Zoe, Rose, Frankie and Hal represented us at Thursday's virtual awards ceremony. We are chosen to take part in this annually because of all the work we do promoting active travel, so thank you to all of you who allow your children to walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride to school every day!

Worship for All

A big thank you to all the pupils and staff who attended last weekend's Worship for All service. It was lovely to see Bishop Wood so well represented and to come together as part of our wider church community. We are very grateful to everyone who gave up part of their weekend to support this special occasion.

Mobile Phone Survey

I would like to extend my thanks to the 65 parents who participated in our survey on mobile phones and smartphones. The outcomes of this survey give us quite a lot to think about. Over 90% of those questioned voiced concerns about smartphones amongst primary school children, while around two thirds were in favour of a stricter approach to mobile phones at school. We also got a few insightful responses regarding online safety and family pressures. We will now reflect upon this information together with current national guidelines to decide if we need to make any changes to our policy.

Fun Fit and Fruity Week

The Active Travel Ambassadors would like everyone to wear their brightest clothes on Friday for our Be Bright Be Seen day. They are invited to colour in a boot that Zoe has designed, and bring it into school for Friday.

Celebration

Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated in school this week

3PS – Hannah R and Joshua C
3C – Edie E, Freddie C, Rory O and Harry B
4A – Eden KW and Lucy B
4F – Arlo H, Bradley OC and Samuel L
5DR – Tommy H and Elsie R
5M – Jessica J and Kevin P
6T – Zach T and Hazel W
6I – Ada W and Venpa H

Other Honours

Pom Poms – 3PS

Diary Dates

Please find below a detailed look at the dates for next academic year! New and/or amended dates are highlighted in yellow.

Autumn

Date	Event
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October	Fun Fit and Fruity Week
Wednesday 21st October	Come Dine with 3C
Friday 23rd October	Be Bright Be Seen Day
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term
Friday 6th November	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance
Monday 9th – Friday 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 11th November	Music Concert at 3.40pm – details to follow
Friday 13th November	Buddies Disco
Monday 16th November	Nasal Flu 2
Monday 16th November	Parents' Eve
Wednesday 18th November	Parents' Eve
Friday 20th November	Year 4 Greek Day
Monday 30th November	Reverse Advent Calendar
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 6 Victorian Day
Friday 4th December	Buddies Christmas Fayre
Monday 14th – Friday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Monday 14th December	Carol Service (2pm and 5.30pm)
Wednesday 16th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December	End of Term Worship at 11.30 (St P and P)
Friday 18th December	Christmas Golden Time
Friday 18th December	End of Term at 1.30

Spring

Date	Event
Monday 4th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January	School open to pupils
Thursday 28th January	6I Class Collective Worship
Friday 29th January	Buddies Disco
Thursday 4th February	6T Class Collective Worship
Monday 8th 1 Friday 12th February	Science Week
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday Worship at St P and P
Thursday 11th February	5DR Class Collective Worship
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	Half Term
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 10th March	Year 5 – Hazard Alley
Thursday 11th March	5M Class Collective Worship
Friday 12th March	Year 4 to St Albans
Friday 12th March	Year 6 to Bletchley Park
Sunday 14th March	Worship for All - Lent
Monday 15th March	Parents' Eve
Wednesday 17th March	Parents' Eve
Friday 19th March	Lenten Bazaar
Thursday 25th March	Easter Service at St P and P

Friday 26th March	End of Term at 1.30
Friday 26th March – Sunday 11th April	Easter Break

Summer

Date	**Event**
Thursday 22nd April	4A Class Collective Worship
Friday 23rd April	Buddies Disco
Thursday 29th April	4F Class Collective Worship
Thursday 6th May	3C Class Collective Worship
Sunday 9th May	Worship for All
Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May	SATs Week
Friday 14th May	3PS Class Collective Worship
Thursday 27th May	Year 5 to Lee Valley
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Half Term
Saturday 5th – Sunday 13th June	Great Big Green Week
Monday 7th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 9th June	Class/Group Photo Day
Thursday 17th June	Sports Day
Saturday 19th June	Buddies Fayre
Sunday 27th June – Weds 30th June	Year 6 PGL
Monday 28th – Weds 30th June	Year 4 Green Park
Friday 9th July	Moving On Up BBQ
Monday 12th July	Year 6 Production
Monday 19th July afternoon	Year 6 BOSCARS
Monday 19th July evening	Year 6 Party
Tuesday 20th July	End of Term Worship 11.30
Tuesday 20th July	End of Term at 1.30

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley