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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

Sewage!

As you know, we had an extensive sewage leak on the school site at the end of last half term. The leak was caused by a large fatberg which had blocked a main sewage pipe which runs under the school. The blockage was removed by Thames Water and the surface has been completely cleared of any hazardous matter. Thames Water came back in on the Tuesday of half term to carry out a complete line clean so if you live at the field end of the school site you now have a perfectly functioning sewage pipe!

Half Term Works

School was incredibly busy over the half term and is looking really great at the moment. Mrs Spriggs worked through half term and has achieved a huge amount through liaising with contractors. Half Term works included:

- Extensive tree work carried out by John Jones of [Tree Monkey Tree Care](#)
- Dining Hall floor swept and deep cleaned
- Industrial pressure wash of all main playground spaces and trim trails
- Fitting of new 'socketed' netball posts
- Full window clean and gutter clearance

Red Nose Day

Back by popular demand, the children have asked to perform a talent show for Comic Relief. Mrs Clark and Mr Hall are going to coordinate this. Keep an eye out for further info and feel free to encourage your talented child!

Lego Club

The members of Lego Club have asked me to thank you for your kind donations. They were gratefully received. Some of Lego Club's creations can be seen near reception.

World Book Day

Mrs Clark is very excited because it is World Book Day next Thursday 7th March. We are raising money for Book Aid so please donate via the gateway or bring in a donation on the day. Mrs Clark has planned lots of fun activities for the whole school. Children can come to school dressed as whatever they like as long as it is related to a book. It is going to be brilliant!

Open Morning – Tuesday 5th March

On Tuesday we will be having our termly Open Morning with a focus on English - writing. The idea of the Open Morning is that you can come along and see the school in action during 'normal' lesson time. We look forward to seeing you there. Spread the word!

Parents' Evening

Debs has set up the online booking system for parents' evening and it is going live at 6.30pm today. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Polling Station

A reminder that school is closed on the 2nd May because it is being used as a polling station. Might be a good idea to add this to your diaries now!

Olaf Falafal

We are pleased to be welcoming Olaf Falafal on Tuesday 12th March. He is coming in to lead a session with the whole school about his work.

New Visitor Sign in System



Our new electronic visitor sign in system was installed today. It is incredibly easy to use. All visitors to school will now use this to sign in and receive a visitor pass. This system is also used when signing your children in or out during the school day, and also when pupils are late to school

First Aid Training

Huge thank you to Sonia Ong who came in and led our First Aid training on Monday. Sonia and her team made it an enjoyable session and the staff are now fully prepared to treat your children in their hour of need.

Head Bump Update

Following our whole staff first aid training on Monday, we are tweaking our systems for head bumps. You will now be sent a text if your child has a bump on the head. This is just precautionary so that you are able to act accordingly at home. We were finding that on occasion the messages on paper were not filtering through.

Tring School Pupils

News has reached us that some of our lovely ex-pupils have been told that they should not be walking through our site at the end of the day. To use a modern term, this is fake news! We love seeing our ex-pupils passing through and enjoy hearing about what they are getting up to. Feel free to pass through the school site.

Walk to School

A recent survey undertaken by teachers has shown that an average of 91% of the children in our school come to school sustainably, which once again is a fantastic result. Thank you to all those that really make an effort to keep our record for green travel so high. Those who do come by car, it would be brilliant if you could park a little away from the school so that the children could walk at least the last km (PARK AND STRIDE). This keeps the roads around the school safe, while giving the children a healthy start to the day.

We have recently reviewed our Active Travel Policy, which can be found on our website.

Healthy Snacks

Mrs Reeve has noticed that many of the snacks being eaten at morning break are not very healthy. Please could you ensure that your child brings a healthy snack for morning break. Thanks.

Big Pedal

Mrs Reeve has asked me to let you know that we are doing the Big Pedal from 25th March to 5th April. This will be a fantastic event to get involved in. More information can be found here - <https://bigpedal.org.uk/>

Smart Watches and Fitbits

We have noticed that some children have started to wear smart watches and Fitbits to school. We strongly advise against the use of this technology in school. These items can be quite expensive and there is clearly potential in school for them to be lost or damaged. Despite having a wonderful potential to be a force for good, we have had issues in the past of people using it as a way to belittle other members of the school community.

Cross Country Race at Bridgewater School – 9th March 2019

There is a cross country race at Bridgewater School on Saturday 9th March. Mrs Reeve is busy putting a team together for the morning. We hope that as many children as possible will be able to join us at what is always an excellent race.

Mars, Venus and Saturn Mufti Day

The mufti day for Mars, Venus and Saturn has been rescheduled to 11th March.

Netball v Brockwood

The sun was out for our netball match away at Brockwood School on 14th February. Lorenza was our enthusiastic captain. We began the game well leading 2 goals to 1 at the end of the first quarter. By half time, our lead had extended to 5-2. Brockwood had a strong third quarter and managed to close the gap scoring 3 more goals. The score was 6-5 heading into the final quarter and our injured shooter, Bibi, was starting to struggle. After a nail biting, end to end final 10 mins, Brockwood took the lead and ended up winning by one goal. The final score was Bishop Wood 8- Brockwood 9. A great effort was shown by all. Erin C was awarded player of the match.

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Ollie W-J, Jacob F and David G

5F – Arthur M and Evie M

3B – May P, Lily G and Pearl S

5R – Elsie S and Anna B

4H – Tom O’N, Margo G, Elspeth H and Megan W

6C – None this week

4DR – Harry W, Bella D and Ava M

6M – None this week

Golden Broom – Mrs Spriggs

Outside Honours

Nicolina H – Irish Dancing

Cedd C – Football Fever Player of the Camp

Margo G – Skating

Willow S – Horse Riding

Lily P, Sophia G, Oliver F and Owen A – Year 5 Maths Challenge

Gold Reading Awards

Luke C, Eleanor C and Elin D

Around School

Year 3 have been looking at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory with a particular focus on the interesting characters. 4DR have been busy preparing their class worship and 4H have been working hard on decimals in Maths and grammar in English. Year 5 have been using 'Water Tower' as part of their mystery and suspense topic. 6C have been really enjoying their class story 'Nowhere Emporium'. 6M have been enjoying some great tag rugby sessions with Mr Woodward.

Important Dates

Mon 4th March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	5F – Class Worship
Tue 5th March 2019, 9:00am - 10:30am	Open Morning
Thu 7th March 2019	World Book Day
Fri 8th March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	4H – Class Worship
Fri 8th March 2019, 3:30pm	6M – Cake & Cookie Sale
Fri 8th March 2019, 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Buddies Disco for children
Tue 12th March 2019	Author Visit – Olaf Falafel
Fri 15th March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	3B – Class Worship
Fri 15th March 2019, 3:30pm	5F – Cake & Cookie Sale
Fri 22nd March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	3I – Class Worship
Fri 22nd March 2019, 3:30pm	5R – Cake & Cookie Sale
Mon 25th March 2019, 4:00pm - 7:30pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Wed 27th March 2019, 4:00pm - 7:30pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thu 28th March 2019, 3:30am	4DR – Cake & Cookie Sale
Thu 4th April 2019, 3:30pm	4H – Cake & Cookie Sale
Fri 5th April 2019	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website

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