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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to all of you that supported with the NSPCC cake sale on Friday. I am pleased to announce £195 was raised for the NSPCC during the cake sale. There were some amazing number-based outfits worn on the day. A reminder also that if you are yet to donate for the Number Day, then the link is below:

<https://secure.nspcc.org.uk/?dotype=regular>

This week we have the finals of the Spelling Bee, Safer Internet Day, PTA Disco and an Upper School trip to Kew Gardens.

Next week is half-term, so I hope that all families have a restful and enjoyable break. School will return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Safer Internet Day**

Today is Safer Internet Day and Mr Gillard, our Computing Lead, ran a special assembly for the children. The children learn a lot about online safety through the computing and PSHE curriculum areas. For families, I am attaching some useful links that are worth a read:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

## **Attendance and Punctuality Letters**

Last week, we sent out letters to families where attendance is below 90%. When attendance is below 90%, it is considered a concern and is classified as persistently absent by the government. We are aware that absence can happen for a number of reasons and sometimes a child may have a run of illnesses as their immune system recovers. As a general rule, we state that a child should remain off school for the duration of time that a child has a temperature and apply a 48-hour rule for sickness and diarrhoea. The NHS has produced a useful guide to support with decision-making. The link to this is below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

The purpose of the letters is to alert you to the fact that your child's attendance has dropped below 90% and will be subject to closer monitoring. You can keep a check on your child's attendance percentage on the Arbor app. At this point of the year, each day of absence will count double the amount of percentage points as it would do when compared to the end of the academic year. Therefore, the attendance percentage could be improved considerably with regular school attendance in the second half of the year.



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We are also in the process of reviewing punctuality levels and will be sending out letters shortly to families where punctuality is a concern.

**The Lost Character Competition by Miss Stroud**

This week, posters are starting to appear around the school to get children involved in our World Book Day competition! The idea is that children can choose a book character that they love and create a piece of artwork of that character lost in the world of another book. *For example, Harry Potter in Narnia, Paddington in the Shire or Matilda in The Christmassaurus.* Children can use pencils, pens, paints or even collage to create their artwork.

Entries must be submitted from the **Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March** so that winners can be decided on World Book Day itself. The winners from each phase will win a huge amount of house points for their house and every entry will win points for taking part.

The House Captains and I are looking forward to seeing all the entries! Happy creating.

**Events List**

Please find the latest version of events for the year below.

<b>Date (Time)</b>	<b>Event</b>
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Spelling Bee Finals
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper School trips to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Bike-ability week
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Parents' Evenings Week
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening Y1-6 Week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Music Festival
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (2:30pm)	Lower School Eid Assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Cake Sale
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term  Progress reports to parents

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children Return to School
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Multiplication Championship
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (4pm)	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Try-a-Tri
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle School trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Lower School trip to Hawk Conservancy
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June (PM)	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prom and Picnic
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS trip to Wooley Firs
Week beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 1st July	District Sports (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Non-Uniform Make the Rules Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm)	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder  
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