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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely this weekend to actually go for a dog walk in the sunshine rather than the pouring rain; I hope you all managed to get outside too! Just a few updates and reminders for you.

Phonics Workshop: Tuesday 5th March 2024 9:15-10:30am

As stated on the term dates calendar sent out in January, this will be held tomorrow and is mainly aimed at Nursery, Reception and KS1 parents. There will be a brief presentation in the hall by the staff and then you will be able to visit classrooms and see some phonics sessions in action. We are using a new phonics scheme this year called FFT 'Success For All' so even if you have been before it will be useful for you to hear the changes introduced so you can support your children will this critical phase of early reading.

World Book Week: 4-8th March

A letter has been sent out with the details but just to remind you we have a Book Fair in the hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Thursday is World Book Day so children can come to school as a book character or wearing clothes they are comfortable to read in; not all children enjoy the dressing up! Competitions have been sent out so please see class teachers if you've missed these.

Homework

I understand this has been a contentious issue discussed on various platforms last week. Our homework policy states that 'parents play a vital part in supporting pupils working at home.' It is important that parents:

- Make it clear to pupils that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help with their learning
- Provide a suitable place in which pupils can do their homework

At no point would we expect parents to come to school to complete homework with their children. In fact, we do the opposite of this in providing a homework club where homework can be completed in school with the support of school staff. I do believe that homework should be valued. The majority of our children complete it to a high standard and it supports their learning at school. I hope that gives you clarity around this subject.



Dogs at Pick Up Times

Just a quick reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds at all (on their own legs or in arms) at drop off or pick up times. As most of you know, I am a dog lover myself but know that not all people are and sometimes they can be unpredictable with small children or with crowds etc. I have asked staff to remind parents/carers of the rule if they see people with a four-legged friend on school grounds.

As always, thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Helen Moorcroft

Headteacher

