

17th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**February half term**

We break up for February half term today and school re-opens on Monday, 27th February 2023.

School attendance has improved since returning to school in January and so has punctuality. This means that the children are able to get the most out of their learning and are ready to have a prompt start to their lessons each morning. Thank you to all parents/carers!

**Uniform/PE Reminder**

The majority of children are coming to school wearing their uniform and we thank parents/carers for ensuring this happens. When we return to school after the holiday we hope that **all** children will be wearing school uniform. Here is a reminder of what this entails:

* White or light blue collared polo shirt (with or without school logo) – Required
* Royal Blue sweatshirt/cardigan ( with or without school logo) - Required
* Grey/Black trousers/**dark** tracksuit bottoms or leggings/skirt/culottes/shorts/pinafore dress - Required
* Light blue and white checked dress for summer if desired - Optional
* Sensible school shoes/trainers or boots in winter - Required

Please could your child wear their school sweatshirt/royal blue sweatshirt over the top of their sports shirt on the days they have PE.

PE days are as follows:

Early Years Tuesday

Class 2 Wednesday and Thursday

Class 3 Monday and Friday

Class 4 Monday and Friday

**If a child does not come to school wearing a royal blue or school sweatshirt they will be offered one to wear for the day from our pre-loved uniform.**

If parents wish to purchase sweatshirts/cardigans or polo shirts with the school logo on these can be ordered from the school office. Alternatively supermarket non-branded clothing can be worn in the school colours.

School also has a ‘pre-loved’ uniform section which is readily available for any parent to access for no charge.

**World Book Day**

On Thursday 2nd March your child may come into school dressed up as a character from a book or in their pyjamas to celebrate a bedtime story. We have added a few links below with simple costume ideas (A copy of this letter will be on the school website in order for you to easily access the links):

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/cheap-and-easy-ideas-last-minute-world-book-day-costumes>

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/easy-costumes-world-book-day-17813704>

**Comic Relief/Red Nose Day**

School will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday, 17th March 2023. The children will be able to come to school in fancy dress, wearing their pyjamas, with a ‘funny face’ or ‘funny hair’. More details will be sent out about this day nearer the time.

**Coffee Morning/Stay and Play**

Coffee morning has been running every Thursday from 8.45 – 10.45 a.m. We had a great turn-out this week and bacon butties and refreshments were served to all.

The weekly coffee morning will continue after half term and everyone is welcome to come along. We would love to encourage parents who have younger pre-school children to ‘Stay and Play’.

There are toys for toddlers/babies to play with and it is an ideal environment to chat, access a lovely warm, friendly environment and have refreshments free of charge.

A free raffle ticket is given per person on arrival and a prize is won every week. A range of services have been coming along to give advice about housing, energy bills, health etc. which has proved to be very successful.

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Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Monday, 27th February | School re-opens |
| Thursday, 2nd March | World Book Day |
| Thursday, 2nd March and every Thursday thereafter | Coffee morning/Stay and Play in the school hall  Everyone welcome from 8.45 a.m. onwards. |
| Friday, 17th March | Comic Relief/Red Nose Day |
| Friday, 31st March | Break up for Easter holidays |
| Monday, 17th April | School re-opens |
| Monday, 1st May | School closed for May Bank holiday |
| Monday, 8th May | School closed for King Charles III Coronation |
| Tuesday, 9th May | Year 6 SATS start |
| Friday, 26th May | Break up for half term |
| Monday, 5th June | School re-opens |
| Wednesday, 20th July | School closed for PD day |
| Thursday, 21st July | Summer holidays commence |