

January 2023: Spring Term Primary dates and events

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year. I hope you have all had a lovely time over the Christmas break and join us ready and excited for what 2023 has in store! Following positive feedback about the letters sharing dates and information for the Autumn term and December, we have worked again to create this letter about Spring term for primary at Mayfield.

Our aim is to ensure the children's time with us in primary is full of enrichment, enjoyment and provides them with a wealth of opportunities to share and learn together. We have planned in a number of important events and dates for the term. Rather than send out individual letters on each, I've tried to summarise the keys dates for this term now, so you have advanced notice and know what's planned for the term with all the information in one place. There will, of course, be further information to follow for some of the events, as more details may be required nearer the time. This letter will also be sent via class charts and is available on our website.

Class assembly date for the year: *NB All class assemblies will start at 3pm on the date below. Please arrive at reception at 2.50pm. We will open the black gates near the hall to welcome you in that way.*

Spring term (confirmed)

- Wednesday 11th January: Pacific Class (y6)
- Monday 30th January: Octopus Class (y1)
- Wednesday 1st February: Mississippi Class (y4)
- Wednesday 29th March: Caspian Class (y5)
- Monday 6th March: Dolphin Class (y2)
- Wednesday 22nd March: Jellyfish Class (yR)

Summer term (provisional)

- Wednesday 26th April: Yangtze Class (y4)
- Monday 15th May: Turtle Class (y1)
- Wednesday 24th May: Ganges Class (y3)
- Monday 19th June: Seahorse Class (yR)
- Wednesday 28th June: Atlantic Class (y6)
- Monday 10th July: Aegean Class (y6)

Spring term dates for all primary pupils:

Monday 23rd January - whole school inset day

School is closed to pupils

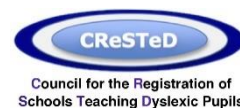
End of every month - School nurse drop-ins

The school nurses will be in school from 9-11am on the dates below. They are running drop-in sessions open to any primary parents. Anyone is welcome to come in to speak to them about any health or medical concerns – from sleep issues, diet, any medical or health concerns or questions. There will be a confidential meeting space provided for these sessions. Any parents who would like to attend, please sign up via main reception – you don't need to give a reason, just put your name down.

Session dates:

- 31st January 9-11
- 28th February 9-11
- 28th March 9-11

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Week beginning 6th February – Big write and mental health awareness week

This week, all of the classes will again take part in the Big Write Week where everyone's English work will be based around the same text. This will be in conjunction with mental health awareness week so the text we've chosen also has a link to that. The children have been really enjoying their 'My Healthy Minds' session and will be focusing on this work during this week too.

Friday 10th February – 'Be Me': Own clothes day

As an end to our mental health awareness week and to celebrate that everyone is unique, children are invited to come in to school wearing their own clothes for the day.

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

We will be taking part in the national World Book Day event. In addition to other activities, which we'll tell you about nearer the time, all of the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Tuesday 7th March – Primary Dance Live!

For those pupils who have been attended Dance Live club throughout Autumn and into Spring, they will be competing in Dance Live at the Guildhall in the evening.

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th March - Primary parents' evenings

Further information on timings and booking details to follow.

Tuesday 14th – Monday 20th March – Scholastic Travelling Book Fair

The travelling book fair will be at school on these dates. They will be located outside the main reception / primary library every day after school for anyone who would like to browse / buy any books. A proportion of any sales are then given back to the school in the form of lovely new books for our library! The book Fair will also be in the main canteen in front of the main entrance during the evenings of parents' evening (14th and 16th March).

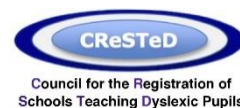
Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Mayfield will be taking part in the national charity day for Red Nose Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform for the day – we'd like them to wear as much red as possible and red noses are welcome! We encourage a voluntary donation of at least £1, which can be dropped in to the buckets on the morning gates.

Week beginning 20th March – Science Week

This term's theme week is all based around science! We will bring you more details closer to the time!

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Additional dates specific to year groups:

Year R:

Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th March: 2.45pm. Opportunities to join the children and share in their learning. Please arrive at school for 2.45pm and we will open the black gates on the main walkway to let you round to the classrooms. **There are two dates available but each date is limited to 15 children per class.** Sign up sheets will be available at the end of each day from Monday 20th March at the yR classrooms during pick up. Please sign up in advance. Parents/carers are welcome to sign up and attend either date – but not both!

Year 1:

Friday 24th March: Trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 30th March. 2.30pm: Performance to parents (main hall). Please arrive at 2.40pm and we will open the black gates to let you through to the hall.

Year 2:

28th March: 2.45pm. Opportunities to join the children and share in their learning. Please arrive at school for 2.45pm and we will open the black gates on the main walkway to let you round to the classrooms.

Year 3:

Saturday 14th January: Year 3 families - beach clean 10-11am at Southsea sea front. Further details on where to meet the teachers for the event will be sent shortly.

Year 4:

20th – 22nd February: Mississippi residential to Minstead

22nd – 24th February: Yangtze residential to Minstead

27th Feb – 1st March: Danube residential to Minstead

Year 5:

Tuesday 14th March. 2.45pm. Opportunities to join the children and share in their learning. Please arrive at school for 2.45pm and we will open the black gates on the main walkway to let you round to the classrooms.

Year 6:

Monday 27th March. 2.45pm. Opportunities to join the children and share in their learning. Please arrive at school for 2.45pm and we will open the black gates on the main walkway to let you round to the classrooms.

I know this is a very long letter but I hope you find it helpful to have everything collated and all in one place. It is our aim to produce something similar each term to keep you up to date with plans and dates. The Mayfield Messenger will still be sent out weekly by Mr Howard, so please do continue reading that for any updates, school news and information. Further information will be sent out as needed by letter, through SIMs and Classcharts too.

While we will do our very best not to change dates for these events, we are a big school with a huge amount of pupils and events to coordinate, so please be understanding if we have to change dates. It would only be as a last resort and we will try to avoid it wherever possible.

Thank you, as always, for your support

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