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Message from Mrs Peart

We have had a wonderful first few days back in school, with all children returning happy and excited to see their friends and begin this term's learning. I can't believe we are now in the final term of this academic year – hasn't it flown!

We had an absolutely amazing final day of the spring term with Liz Million drawing and telling us stories and celebrating Alf's birthday. Thank you so much to all the adults and children that wished him a happy birthday – he loved being sang to in assembly!

Our final term is going to be jam packed full of exciting learning experiences and events, many of which you will also be able to share with us – please see information below! This is also the term where our Year 2 children will complete their SATs, which is an additional assessment for Reading, Writing and Maths which support our end of year judgements. Please do not worry about this as these assessments are completed with care and flexibility so the children do not feel under pressure at all.

Over the coming weeks we will also be beginning to prepare for the children's transition to their new classes for next year. This will mean saying goodbye to our Year 2 children as they transition to Sitwell Junior School, and we will be saying hello to our new children joining us in Foundation 2. Further information about transition and new classes will be shared over the course of this term.

Diary Dates

Friday 28th April – Eid Party
Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 3rd May – Class Photographs
Friday 5th May – King's Coronation Party
Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 11th May – Year 1 Family Learning event
Friday 26th May – school closes for half term
Monday 5th June – INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 6th June – school reopens at the normal time

Admin Assistant/Receptionist vacancy

As you are already aware, sadly, Mrs Roper, our wonderful Admin Assistant, is retiring after a fantastic 10 years with us. She has been a wonderful colleague and friend to all staff in school and we will miss her dearly. I am sure you will all wish her well before she leaves us in the summer.

We are currently advertising this vacancy on the school website and the RMBC jobs website [here](#). The application form and job details are with the advert, but a paper copy can be collected from school if requested.

New F2 Admissions

We have now received our list for the new cohort of children who are going to be joining us in F2 in September. We have seen lots of familiar names on there of siblings in school! There is a dedicated page on our website with information about starting school, which you can access here:

<https://www.sitwellinfantschool.co.uk/foundation-2-admissions-2023/>

We will be contacting all nurseries over the next few weeks and then organising the children into their new classes. An induction

pack will be sent out to parents before the end of this half term with all the information you will need about your child starting with us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Class Photographs

On Wednesday 3rd May, our school photographer, Lee Call, will be in school during the morning to complete our class photographs. If for any reason you do not want your child included in this photograph, please speak to their class teacher.

Upcoming Educational Visits

Children will be taking part in their final educational visit of the year this term. If you are able to come with us on these visits, please speak to your child's class teacher to volunteer. These spaces fill up quickly, so please do so as soon as possible.

Children in Rose, Tulip, Bluebell, Poppy & Snowdrop Classes will be visiting **Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Thursday 22nd June**. This visit has an Art & DT focus and will link to the children's learning about Easter Island.

Children in Sunflower, Buttercup & Daisy Classes will be visiting **Cannon Hall Farm on Friday 9th June**. This visit has an Understanding of the World focus and will support the children to learn about how a farm works and the kinds of animals you will find on a farm.

Stay & Play sessions

We have organised further Stay & Play sessions for this half term for each class in school. There will be two sessions again this half term. The dates have been shared on the school app as well as on Google Classrooms. The dates are stored on the school website/app calendar so you can check them nearer to the time. We hope lots of you will be able to attend so that we can share our recent learning with you all.

PTA Events

Our Easter Fair on the last day of term was a huge success! Thank you so much to everyone that attended and helped to raise vital funds for school – we raised a fantastic total of £279! This money is all collected throughout the year to be used for special resources or events for the children.

Our wonderful PTA are now planning our next event – Donuts with Dads! This will be close to Father's Day in June and will be a fun session where the children and their Dad's work together to solve a STEM challenge! Further information will be shared soon.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs on offer this half term are limited and parents have been informed if their child secured a place in a club before half term. Please ensure your child is collected at the end of the school day promptly if they are not attending a club.

We do have a few places remaining for our DJ Masterclass club for next half term – this is only suitable for children in Years 1 and 2. This is led by Rotherham Music Service and is £15 for 5 weeks.

Please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible if you would like a place for your child.

Some children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been lucky enough to secure a place in our One Voice club, where children will be learning a selection of songs which they will then perform for their parents as part of the One Voice concert on 23rd June. Further information about the performance will be shared with parents nearer the time.

Read Write Inc

As you may already be aware, we assess all children every 6 weeks for our Read Write Inc programme. This helps to ensure they are reading books at the appropriate stage, linked to their phonic knowledge. Children were assessed at the end of last half term and have begun in their new groups this week. Some children may

have been ready to move on; some may have remained at the same level. They will be bringing a new book home this week to read with you. We are very grateful for the time you spend reading with your children.

Once children complete the Read Write Inc programme they continue to develop their reading and writing skills in Year 2 groups and are able to choose a wide variety of books to read both in school and at home.

Upcoming Strike Days

As you may have seen in the media, the National Education Union (NEU) have given notice for two further strike days following their member's rejection of the governments pay offer. The two dates they have given are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We are gathering information in school at the moment and will send a letter out confirming if school will be open, partially or fully closed shortly to give you time to prepare, should you need to.

Year 1 Family Learning - It's A Bugs Life!

A letter with information about our next Year 1 Family Learning Event will be sent home this week. This session will be held on Thursday 11th May in the afternoon. There are only 15 spaces available at this event so please return your form as soon as possible if you would like to attend! It sounds like it will be a fantastic, fun event!

Google Classroom

Thank you to those of you who are accessing our Home Learning activities each week on Google Classroom. It is lovely to see some of the things you are getting up to at home! **We still have a small amount of families who have not yet logged on.** If you need support with this, please come and speak to us.