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Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for your enquiries about the start times for the school day. The governors had the task of reviewing these last week. We have now located an historic document that states the start time as 9.05am with the gates open at 8.55am. Governors are considering consulting on this as they would like learning to begin as soon as possible for the children in the morning.

In the meantime, we will continue to open the gate at 8.50am and would ask that you try to get your children to school as early as possible, registration takes place for 10 minutes between 8.55 and 9.05 meaning lessons must start at 9.05am at the latest.

We hope that you will support our vision in maximising learning and therefore improving outcomes for your children.

### **Absence & Lateness:**

Please contact the school as soon as possible, **by telephone**, preferably before 9.15am.

If no one is available to answer the phone then please leave a message. **Please do not use email for reporting absences.**

Please ring each day your child is absent or is going to be late.

### **After School Clubs**

GoNoodle club is now full for after half term until Easter and if your child has a place in the club you will have received an email confirming this.

SATS club is open to all Year 6 children, if your child is going to attend then please book your child in so that we have their name of the register.

### **Ice Packs**

If your child has come home with one of our reusable an ice packs and you still have it at home then please return it to school after half term.

### **Early Bird Club**

Please ensure you book your child in advance into Early Bird Club. Children are arriving at Early bird club without a booking. We need to know who we are expecting at the club so that we have the correct staffing ratio on site to keep the children safe.

**Please note we require Early Bird and Lunch payments to be made within a fortnightly period.**

### **Dates**

Term dates for 2023-2024 are now available on the [website](#).

**February 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>** - Half Term

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - World Book day (more information to follow)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm** - PTA meeting - venue to be confirmed

**Friday 31st March** - Last day of term

**Monday 17th April** - First day of term

**Monday 1st May** - Bank holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

**Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June** - Half Term

**Monday 5th June** – Non pupil day

**Tuesday 6th June** – Non pupil day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Last day of term

## Parent & Teacher Association PTA

### NEWSLETTER

Chair: Sarah Dowson, Secretary: Hayley Bond, Treasurer: Fiona Elliott, Vice Chair: Emily Stevens

We raise money for the school to improve things for our children through various fund raising events and grant applications. We couldn't achieve this without the support of the parents and families of the children so I thank you all for your ongoing support.

The school are asked to provide a wish list for us to aim for. We support in many ways like: - purchasing equipment, part funding activities, first aid training, sand for the sand pit and much more. We will keep you updated via the newsletter and Facebook when we are raising funds for a specific item or when we have purchased certain items.

The PTA are working with school to decide what items we can purchase to give the most benefit for most children across the whole school. I have been meeting up with the children who are on the pupil council to hear their great fundraising ideas and to work out how the PTA can support them.

The PTA have been asked to fund a few school events that are happening soon. Await update from school.

### PTA events update – past and present

Bags2School collection - This popular event was supported very well again this time so thank you everyone who managed to have a spring clear out. We raised a whopping £395. Thank you so much, we will run this again later in the year.

Our school lottery – Thank you to everyone that has already signed up to yourschoollottery. Our first draw was last Saturday and we had our first winner. This is a new fundraiser that we plan to continue to run, please sign up if you are able. It is a weekly draw but paid monthly by Direct debit or card payment, although you can cancel at any time if you wish. The school PTA earns 40p for every £1 ticket bought every week that works out to £1.60 each month for each £1 ticket bought. website: [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk). Why not invite Grandparent's to join too, everyone loves a lottery. Please help us to make this a great fundraiser, Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt – Look out for posters.

Car Treasure Hunt during Easter holidays – Look out for posters.

Holsworthy Golf Club have kindly chosen to support the PTA at their May cash BINGO night. **If you are able to provide a raffle prize for this please can you drop into school office.** You can also pop along and support the event if you wish. See their Facebook page for details on how to book.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support without you all the events the PTA organise or support would not be worthwhile. The school and our children benefit from your support.

**Date of next PTA meeting: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm venue to be confirmed.**

**All welcome.**

Best wishes Sarah Dowson – PTA Chair