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Dear parents/carers,

### **Class F Cake/Toy Sale**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the after-school sale yesterday, or made a donation of cakes or toys to sell. It was very busy, but we still have just a few cakes and toys left to sell. We plan to offer these for sale at the end of this afternoon (Friday) so if you would like to come and have a quick look for a cake/toy-top-up, please pop in! Thank you again to everyone who supported our fund-raising event yesterday.

### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you for all of your donations for Red Nose Day. So far, we have raised £35.

Donations to be [paid via Just Giving](#). We are aware that Just Giving now only allow a minimum donation of £2 via their page. Please donate if you can.

### **Extreme Reading**

Over the next week, let's see how many interesting places our children can find to read! They could be up a tree, on the beach, doing gymnastics, playing football...there are so many possibilities. Please email in any photos to go on class and whole school displays.

### **PTA**

Please don't forget to complete your artwork for the King's Coronation project and return it to school office NO LATER than THURSDAY 23 March for it to be included. You can place an order for memorabilia online - please follow the instructions on the form. For now, the important reminder is to return artwork into school.

**Easter Egg Hunt Thursday 30 March 3.30pm** Tickets: £2.00/ticket - by cash at the school office. We are hoping there will be an option to pay via the School Money App later next week – information to follow.

**Tempest Photography: Class Photos: Thursday 23rd March** Emily from Tempest Photography will be visiting to take class photos during the morning. If you would prefer your child not to be included, please let class teachers or the school office know NO LATER than 3.30pm on Tuesday 22 March. We will let you know as soon as proof copies are available to view and order online.

### **Site Security**

We continue to work hard to keep the children safe. A key element of this is ensuring that people are not able to access the school site during school hours. Whilst no one likes to think about the potential for harmful behaviour, we have a duty of care to safeguard against it. As such, the main gate will be open at 3.25pm each afternoon. The internal gates will then be open at 3.30pm when school ends. The children should then be picked up from the following points (please pick up your youngest children first and work up). The teachers will release children as their parents/carers are seen. Please make sure you let us know as early as possible if someone else is picking up your child.

Class F – Class F gate    Class 1 – playground    Class 2 – side gate    Class 3 – classroom fire exit door

Whilst we need to take these measures to keep children safe, we continue to welcome you to come in and talk to us and to make contact with teachers at drop off/pick up.

Also, please do not allow children to use the play equipment before or after school. It is only to be used in school hours, supervised by a member of staff.

## **Parent Forum**

The next parent forum meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 9.30am - 10.30am. This meeting will be for the class representatives who are:

**Class F:** Kirsty Gravett and Clark Bonfield

**Class 1:** Amanda Coles and Caris/Tom Furness

**Class 2:** Fiona Elliot and Hayley Bond

**Class 3:** Claire Ovenell and Kanna Webster

During the meeting we will look at how to share information/ask questions with the representatives to feed back at the next meeting. We will also address points raised at the last meeting.

Some topics already addressed are:

### **Home-School Books for children using school transport**

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, children using school transport will have Home School Communication books. These can be used by parents and teachers to pass on information that they would otherwise have talked about during drop off/pick up. They will be checked each day. However, if you know you need to talk to a member of staff, this should still be arranged via families email.

### **Lunch time provision**

Each day a member of teaching staff is on duty to provide a safe space for children who may be struggling or have made a poor behaviour choice. This is referred to as the 'reflection room'. This space is for them to pause, reflect and talk to the teacher about their next steps before going back out to play. Should they struggle again, they can return to the space. The teacher will keep a record of who has visited so we become aware of any persistent difficulties that need further support. In addition, lunchtime provision has been developed to provide a calm space outside with activities such as Lego, colouring, water play and play dough. Mrs Wildern, our Thrive practitioner, is on duty in the calm space as well as supporting games on the playground. It has been lovely to see children from all classes enjoying this space and interacting with each other.

### **Home Learning**

Home learning has been reviewed this week and the following key points agreed:

Homework will be available on the school website every Tuesday.

Tasks for Year 2 and KS2 will include fortnightly MyMaths, TT Rockstars, reading and spelling. Spelling will not be tested in isolation. The vocabulary sent home is relevant to current topics and will be monitored within written work, which gives it purpose and relevance.

In the lead up to SATs, Year 6 may also have other specific tasks to support their learning.

Tasks for Year 1 will include Maths, reading (Bug Club allocated text) and spelling. Spelling will not be tested in isolation. The vocabulary sent home is relevant to current topics and will be monitored within written work, which gives the practice purpose and relevance.

A menu of 6 tasks linked to Geography/History/Science/PSHE/RE will be sent home at the start of each half term.

One of these must be completed over the half term but there will be the option of completing as many as you wish. These tasks will be designed to enhance/extend learning in class.

### **Volunteers**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer who can help out on trips and visits and/or could be assigned to a class to listen to readers for half a day per week (or more) please contact the office via families email or in person. You will need to complete a DBS check, which we can arrange. Training on listening to readers will be given. If you know of anyone in the local community who might be interested in these roles, please talk to them and support them to get in touch.

### **School Money Bookings**

Many of you are already booking your children's meals in advance and we are grateful for this. After Easter we require **all school dinner meals and club bookings** to be booked in advance. The dinner bookings will close at midnight the night before.

Both 8am and 8.30am Early Bird sessions will close at lunchtime on the previous Friday, this is to ensure that we have the correct staff ratios on site. Please ensure you have booked your child in.

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

### **Term Time holidays**

We have had a few holiday request forms coming into school. Please note that holidays during term time will **not** be authorised and you may be subject to a fine. Please see our Attendance policy for more detail, which is available on our website.

### **Two Rivers Federation Job Vacancies**

We are seeking to appoint excellent Teachers who are enthusiastic and committed professionals to join our dedicated team from September 2023. There are a number of vacancies available across our federation.

The vacancies can be found on our website, please [click here](#) to view.

**Advance Notice: Road Closure: 24-28 April 2023** South West Water have let us know that Fore Street, the main road through Langtree, will be closed for repairs on the above dates. There will be a diversion in place while the repair is completed as quickly as possible to minimise disruption.

### **Dates**

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

**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 May – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Half Term

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - First day of second half term

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