



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next week:

27<sup>th</sup> March – Sewing Workshop 4KD

28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Lancaster Model Health Questionnaire

**2<sup>nd</sup> March – Teacher Strike day – School will be closed for most children**

3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day – come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 4WK/4KD Swimming

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Practice SATS Week

6<sup>th</sup> March – Sewing Workshop 4JL

8<sup>th</sup> March – Sewing Workshop 4WK

10<sup>th</sup> March – 4WK/4KD Swimming

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March – Proposed Teacher Strike days – possible disruption to the running of the school

17<sup>th</sup> March - 4WK/4KD Swimming

17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day – wear something red in return for £1 donation

21<sup>st</sup> March – ‘Little Library’ Opening event 1pm

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Art Day – Women’s History Month

24<sup>th</sup> March – 3AR/3MC Swimming

30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service (Children only) at Christ Church 9:30am

31<sup>st</sup> March – Years 3, 4 & 5 summary reports home

31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 6 Interim reports home

**End of Term 4 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (early finish 1:15pm)**

**17<sup>th</sup> April – Staff Development Day – school closed for children**

**18<sup>th</sup> April – start of Term 5**

Welcome back to Term 4!

A busy term lies ahead – some of the main key events have been listed above as dates for your diary. This will be added to so do please continue to check this on the weekly newsletter as the term progresses.

Yesterday, a letter was sent to all parents, via email, about the forthcoming teacher strike day next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please ensure that you have read it as the school will be significantly affected on this day. If you are unable to receive emails, a letter can be obtained via the school office.

World Book Day is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, however, due to the partial closure of the school, we will be honouring the day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. As part of our celebrations we encourage the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. In each year group there will be a £10 book voucher awarded to the child with the most creative and original costume. We look forward to celebrating the day, next Friday!

Finally, can I please remind you to ensure that your child’s clothing is labelled with their full name. This is especially important for coats and sweatshirts or cardigans and lunch boxes. We try our best to return lost property but continue to find

ourselves with an alarming number of un-named items making it an impossible task.

### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.12%. Overall attendance to date is 93.53%.

Well done to 3BW, 6ALT and 6SE for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

65 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance. 162 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

177 late codes have been recorded this week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school **by 8:45am** each day.

### HOUSE POINTS

**Red** House are the winners this week with 206 points – well done!

**Yellow** House – 186 points

**Green** House – 184 points

**Blue** House – 165 points

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## WATER BOTTLES

A number of children do not have a water bottle in school. The school water bottle is available to purchase for £1.50 either via School Money or a cash purchase via the school office. Please do ensure that your child has a suitable lidded bottle to enable them to keep hydrated throughout the day.

## CROCHET HOOKS WANTED

Do you have any unwanted crochet hooks? We'd like to start a crochet club and need some hooks... if you have any that you don't need, please hand them into the school office. Thank you.

## LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

At the end of this term, parents will once again be invited in to view your children's home learning projects. If they haven't yet begun a project, there is still a number of weeks left before they are due in and if your child is unsure of what they'd like to do, then their class teachers will have plenty of ideas.

If you're looking for potential ways to engage your child in practising their spellings or times tables, these links will take you through to a wide variety of free educational games that they can play that will also help support them in practising these key skills:

[Mental Maths Tests and Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)  
[Spelling and Grammar, English Games for 7-11 Years - Topmarks](#)

## SEN TEAM NEWS

The Emotional Well-being Team (EWT) hold fantastic online workshops for parents several times a term. For some, attending this kind of event along with others can be more supportive so Sammy Black (SENCO) will be hosting the workshops at school so that parents can attend together. This will allow you to problem solve together and ask further questions. If you would like to attend either or both of the events listed below, please give Miss Black a call, via the school office, to book your place:

**Understanding Your Child's Behaviour** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am -12pm

**Understanding Sleep and Autism** – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1pm -3pm

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

### Harmful online content

The Guardian has published a podcast which looks at the impact of online misogyny and harmful online content in children. The podcast addresses the potential effects of harmful content on the brains and behaviour of children.

According to new research by the children's commissioner for England, one in 10 children have watched pornography by the time they are nine years old. And teachers say the effects are being felt in schools. So what makes young people vulnerable to this kind of content, and what impact might it have on their brains and behaviour?

Madeleine Finlay speaks to Guardian education correspondent Sally Weale and to consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist Dr Dickon Bevington.

If you wish to listen to the podcast: Online misogyny: what impact is it having on children, please follow the link:  
<http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/1CtGRWXUDnnLViIOYI9PVEZVfc>  
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## INCLUSION BEAR

### **Nominated:**

Zishan, in 5JN, nominated Fred, in 6CC, for lending her his jumper at the cross-country competition when it was really cold. Zishan said 'He is a really good friend and a good man. Thank you for lending me your jumper, Fred.'

Millie, in 4OS, kindly offered, and took, Mrs Edwards' dinner tray back to the hall. It was such a kind and considerate gesture.

### **Awarded to:**

Taylor and Daisy nominated Elsie in 5JN. They said 'When her friends are sad, she always helps them and although she is really busy in the library, she still has time to help her friends and people she doesn't even know. She is such a nice person so please pick her for Patch!'

We agree, wholeheartedly! 🐻

## ROCKING READERS

Well done to 5JN for being this week's Rocking Readers!

## EASTER SPORTS CAMP

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer giving information about an Easter Sports Camp being held at Polo Farm Sports Club.

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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified as this week's Stars of the Week.

3AR Jasper Ukwuaku  
3BW Elsie Kehoe  
3MC Zaahid Barakat  
3WH Jaxon Couldwell

4JL Millie Dale  
4KD Jolene Hutton  
4OS Kobiie Mills  
4WK Reegan Holmes

5BP Junior Holness  
5BR Charlie Robinson  
5EW Sky Seager  
5JN Sophia Hodgson

6ALT Kideen Johnson  
6CC Kayla-Mae Stace  
6LS Amelia Hills  
6SE Tylor Samways

I hope that you all have a good weekend.

With my warm wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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