

Dear Parents / Carers

The end of the half term is nearly upon us, hopefully providing a chance for everyone to recover from the bugs that have beset us and to recharge their batteries! We do seem to be suffering from a particularly vicious and contagious bug at the moment so I have attached the Gastroenteritis Factsheet from the Public Health Team for your interest and information.

YOUNG VOICES – Tuesday 7th February – Our KS2 choir are singing at the O2 Arena and will be back very late! Consequently we are keeping our registers open until 10am on **Wednesday 8th February** to give them time to recover. As there are a number of variables surrounding this, I am happy to open the offer to all of our children but our staff will be here at the usual time if you would prefer to drop them off at 9.00am.

MATHS DAY – Friday 10th February – The culmination of our Maths Week is a special Maths Day where the children will get to solve mathematical challenges in mixed age groups throughout the day. Please note that there will be no Sharing Assembly on this day.

DANCE FESTIVAL – Tuesday 21st February 7pm – Our Dance Club are performing at Hertford Theatre along with a number of other schools. Tickets are very scarce but I will put the pictures of their performance on the PE page of our website.

PHOTOGRAPHS – Monday 27th February - These will be taken in the morning, please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. If you would like to have your child's picture taken with a sibling who is not a pupil of our school please come into the hall for 8.30am.

CRUCIAL CREW – Wednesday 1st March – Year 6 will be taking part in the Crucial Crew event again this year. Morgans School is hosting the event and it's a fantastic opportunity for the Year 6s to come face to face with some of the dangers they may face when they leave Primary school, whilst in a safe environment.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 2nd March – During this term, each class will be focussing on stories by Roald Dahl and so this year we are asking the children (and staff) to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book.

QUIZ NIGHT – Thursday 9th March 7.00 for a 7.30pm start – Back by popular demand... or the need to raise money for an outdoor gym – the choice of reason I leave up to you, but the annual quiz night is back in town! I promise you a night of fun and food so please support the school by getting together with some friends and buying tickets for this once-a-year extravaganza!!!! More details to follow by the end of the week.

FAB SCIENCE – Monday 13th March – To kick off our Science week 'Fab Science' are spending the morning working with Maple and Walnut classes.

GSK TRIP – Wednesday 15th March – Year 6 have been invited to participate in GSK's annual Science show! They will be leaving school at 9.10am and be back in time for lunch.

EDU GROUP – Thursday 16th March – Always popular visitors, Edu Group are back and this time running a special Science workshop for Ash and Cedar classes.

PREMIERSPORT – Friday 17th March – To round off our Science week, Premiersport will be visiting Maple and Walnut to discuss healthy living with the children before getting them to try their hands at Archery!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – Our Parent consultations for this term will be on:
Tuesday 14th March – Reception, Years 1, 3 & 5
Tuesday 21st March – Reception, Years 1, 2, 4 & 6

CELTIC HARMONY CAMP TRIP – Monday 20th March – As part of their Prehistoric Project, Ash and Cedar classes are visiting the Celtic Harmony Camp, Brickendon for the day. More details to follow.

RED NOSE DAY – Friday 24th March – We would ask that the children contribute a minimum of £1 to wear something red or, if you're feeling brave, fancy dress!

EASTER ASSEMBLY AND END OF TERM – Friday 31st March 1.30pm – 2.30pm – Please join with us to celebrate the events of the term and the beginning of the Easter Holidays!

Yours sincerely

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