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Dear Parents and Carers

I would firstly like to thank you for your support during our recent Ofsted inspection. We have been expecting a visit for some time, so are very pleased that they were able to come and see us at our best. Although the official report has not yet been published, I can tell you that the outcome is exactly what we expected. I will send you the report as soon as it has been finalised.

I'm sure you will have noticed that Mrs Moon has been tending the beds and borders around the playground. It's always lovely to see the spring bulbs starting to pop up to brighten the outdoor area. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for volunteering her time to keep our school bright and inviting. Mr Moon has also been very busy during the half term holiday and the new fence along the pathway is much more pleasing to the eye.

Diary Dates

We have had to make a couple of changes to the schedule I sent out in January. Here is the updated version.

Monday 3 rd March	Start of Book Week with a storytelling workshop.	Funded by PTFA
Wednesday 5 th March	Beach Schools Class 4	
Wednesday 5 th March	Wonderlicious Bars will be available after school. Who will find the golden tickets?	Arranged by the PTFA
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day – more info on next page.	
Monday 10 th March	Beach Schools Class 3 (re-scheduled from 26 th Feb)	
Tuesday 11 th Wednesday 12 th & Thursday 13 th	Pebbles parent appointments	See separate letter.
Tuesday 11 th March	Rec & KS1 Parent appointments Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Booking information will follow via email	3.30pm – 6pm
	School Councillors to MSC meeting	Information letter to follow

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Wednesday 12 th March	Beach Schools class 6 am ½ class Beach Schools class 1 pm ½ class	Your child's teacher will let you know if your child is going today.
	Key Stage 1 Racquets festival	Selected children will receive a letter
	Parent appointments Class 6 only Booking information will follow via email	5pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 13 th March	Infant Music Festival	Choir children will receive more information nearer the time.
	Rec & KS1 Parent appointments Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Booking information will follow via email	5pm – 7.30pm
Friday 14 th March	Key Stage 1 Skipping workshop	Funded by PTFA
Monday 17 th March	Mathematics workshop for parents	2.15pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 19 th March	Beach Schools class 6 am ½ class Beach Schools class 1 pm ½ class	Your child's teacher will let you know if your child is going today.
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief day	More information to follow
Wednesday 26 th March	Beach Schools class 5 am ½ class Beach Schools class 2 pm ½ class	Your child's teacher will let you know if your child is going today.
Tuesday 25 th and Thursday 27 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Gift and Wrap	More information to follow
Tuesday 1 st April	Reception Spring creative morning	Class 6 at 9am Class 5 at 10.15am
Wednesday 2 nd April	Beach Schools class 5 am ½ class Beach Schools class 2 pm ½ class	Your child's teacher will let you know if your child is going today.
	Year 1 Spring creative morning	Class 4 at 9am Class 3 at 10.15am
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 2 Spring creative morning	Class 2 at 9am Class 1 at 10.15am
Friday 4 th April	Nursery Spring Craft morning	9.30am
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	Spring Holiday	

Book Week

As you know, Book Week begins on Monday 3rd March. We will kick the week off with a special assembly where the children will be given a free World Book Day book. Also, on Monday, every class will spend some time in the library with a visiting storyteller, Hannah Brailsford, from Tiny Tales, and listen to stories related to their class topics. Thank you to our PTFA for funding this experience.

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Throughout the rest of the week, the children will be enjoying a range of book related activities that will include a book cover hunt, sharing their favourite stories, writing stories and creative activities.

Look out for the PTFA fundraising 'reading adventure' challenge. Your child will be invited to complete 4 challenges and donate £4. In return, they will receive a book as a reward for taking part. This will run until 14th March.

We know that having access to books and a broad range of reading materials is important for children's enjoyment of reading, as well as for their overall academic achievement. However, the National Literacy Trust report that as many as 1 in 5 children do not own a book.

As you know, we have recently re-stocked our library and invite you to help yourself to some of the books we no longer need in school. These will be on display in the playground on Tuesday afternoon. If you have any books at home that you would like to offer, please bring them into the school office on Monday and we will add them to the donation table. Thank you.

We are all very excited that the PTFA will be selling Wonka bars after school on Wednesday. 20 of these delicious chocolate bars will have a **GOLDEN TICKET** hidden inside, which will win your child one of some spectacular prizes. At just £2 per bar, they will sell out really quickly, so check out the leaflet your child was given last week and pre-order, to avoid disappointment.

World Book day is on Thursday and we will be celebrating this annual event by inviting your child to dress up as their favourite book character. They are welcome to bring in their favourite book to share too, just please make sure it is clearly labelled with their name. Nursery children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas and share their favourite bedtime story.

School dinner on Friday will have a book themed menu. Please check your email for this special menu.

At Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, we believe that reading is an essential part of a child's education. Not only does reading help develop language, literacy and imagination, it helps children build a foundation of knowledge that helps them understand the world around them. Dr Seuss says, "*The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go.*"

We know that some children are reluctant readers so please check out this BBC Bitesize link for tips to support your child's reading at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxy9q#:~:text=Reading%2C%20being%20read%20to%2C%20and,likely%20to%20do%20well%20academically.>

...and finally - Please remember to check your emails regularly, so you don't miss out on important information. All letters are uploaded to the school's website too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington

Headteacher

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