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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and the new year has got off to a good start for you and your family. I can't quite believe how quickly the Spring Term is flying by and that the half-term break is already in sight.

In school, everything is fine; the children are settled, most staff are in and we have had very few cases of COVID reported. However, we are remaining vigilant; sanitising is now the norm and we have CO2 monitors in place to ensure the school is appropriately ventilated. Please continue to lateral flow test your children twice each week so that we can prevent the virus spreading unnecessarily.

Emotional Health and Well-being

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and, as this is a high priority topic, the children will be taking part in a variety of activities throughout the week. The theme for the week is 'Growing together' and Mrs Todd, our PSHE lead, has arranged a timetable of activities that support and enhance every aspect of children's mental health. Cosmic kids' yoga, mindfulness colouring and mindful walking will be happening each day.

Internet safety will also be highlighted during the week to ensure children know how to keep themselves safe online. Please follow this link for more information about online safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

As we are going to be working with a new PSHE programme called SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) we would like the children to come into school on **Friday 11th** wearing their favourite scarf – **clearly labelled with their name**. Mrs Todd will lead a whole school assembly introducing the programme and highlighting the SCARF principles.

Each class will also plant a tree to nurture and grow, in keeping with the theme for the week. The saplings were donated by the Woodland Trust and we hope to create a pleasant area for the children to appreciate.

On the theme of mental health, it is very important that you make your child's class teacher aware of **anything** that might impact on your child's learning eg family issues, bereavement, loss of a pet. For information about children's mental health, please follow the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>.

Valentine's Disco

Our PTA is meeting regularly and are planning future events with enthusiasm. Please remember the Valentine's Disco is on 11th February and tickets are on sale now. The PTA will be selling tickets next to the blue door at the end of the school day. **The final day to buy tickets is Thursday 10th February.** This is sure to be another fun event and I would like to thank the PTA for their hard work in organising it.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child's water bottle is unbreakable. We have seen so many children who become upset when their fancy bottle breaks. Children do take their water bottle out on the playground with them and they are likely to be dropped at some point.

Parent Meetings

You will soon receive an email inviting you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on either Tuesday 1st March or Thursday 3rd March. This will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and to discuss your child's progress.

Communication

We endeavour to notify you of information and events with as much notice as possible. However, it is important that you check your emails regularly to enable you to keep up to date with what is going on in school.

Spring Concerts

Following the success of our Christmas Concerts, we have decided to follow the same format for the end of the Spring Term. Therefore, your child's year group performance will be on:

Nursery - TBA

Reception – Wednesday 30th March at 9.30am

Year One – Tuesday 29th March at 9.30am

Year Two – Thursday 31st March at 9.30am

Your child will be allocated 2 tickets for their performance which will be given out on Monday 28th March. **You must remember to bring your tickets with you or you will not be admitted.**

... and finally

We close on Friday 11th February for the half term break. Enjoy the week with your children and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 21st February.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

Learning is a journey, not a destination