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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all currently having a lovely half term.

The Maths Puzzle Challenge Day which took place on Friday 30th January was a huge success. All day there was a real 'buzz' of excitement in the hall from all year groups. The children worked in small groups to solve a range of puzzles which supported the children's development of problem solving, communication and team skills. Thank you to Happy Puzzle's, Lauren, for presenting this engaging day and thank you, once again, to the PTFA for funding this event.

We followed this with another fabulous event for the children on Monday 2nd February which was a mindfulness workshop. This year, we selected the 'Chinese Dragon Dance' workshop for the children to experience. The children enjoyed the practical element to this workshop and performed their dragon dance as a class at the end of their session. Thank you to Kate for leading brilliant sessions throughout the day.

New Spring/Summer Menu

We are looking forward to starting the new menu for school lunches after half term. A reminder to ensure that both the school and the catering company, Radish, know about any allergies or intolerances your child may have. Radish are then able to create a personalised menu for your child to cater for their dietary requirements.

A copy of the new menu can be found at the end of this letter.

Dress Up for World Book Day – CHANGE OF DATE

In order to make dressing up for World Book Day easier for those with siblings who also attend the Junior School, we have decided to change our dress up day to **Friday 6th March** to align both schools. A letter with further details regarding Book Week will be sent out next week.

Staffing Arrangements

Starting from Monday 23rd February, Miss Bright will be resuming teaching full time and will be teaching Class 4 all week, whilst Mrs Wilshire will be supporting interventions in Year 1.

A reminder about the new leadership staffing arrangements starting after half term. Mrs Gill Marrion will be taking on the role of Interim Headteacher and I, Miss Maynard, will be stepping back into my role as Deputy Headteacher. I would just like to thank you all for the kind words of support I received before half term. They were all greatly appreciated.

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Local Area – Parking and Litter

We have recently received a complaint from a local resident of the school regarding parking and the need for parents, carers and children to be respectful towards the local area and other members of the public. Please ensure when parking that residents' driveways are not being blocked. The complaint also mentions about children running across their property and litter, including cigarette ends, being dropped around the local area. Please ensure any litter is disposed of appropriately, including wrappers from sweets that children may be given to celebrate birthdays. Thank you.

Book Week Competition

Our brilliant School Councillors have decided to run a competition as part of the upcoming Book Week (2nd March-6th March). They have chosen a 'Book Cover' competition and are encouraging all the children in the school to take part by designing a new front cover for their favourite book. In order to promote this competition, they have produced posters which are all displayed below and around the school and nursery. All entries to be in by Friday 6th March.



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Diary Dates – Spring Term

We continue to have a busy schedule of events planned for the Spring term, so please note these dates in your diary. Where parents are invited, you will receive more information via email, so please check your inbox regularly.

Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM- SCHOOL CLOSED	All year groups
w/c Monday 2 nd March	Book Week	All year groups Letter to follow
Monday 2 nd March	Reading Café and Crafts – Year 2	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Monday 2 nd , Wednesday 4 th and Friday 6 th March	Reading Café and Crafts – Nursery	2.30pm Letter to follow
Wednesday 4 th March	Reading Café and Crafts – Year 1	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Thursday 5 th March	Reading Café and Crafts – Reception	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Friday 6th March Please note this change of date to align with the Juniors	World Book Day – Dress Up	All year groups Letter to follow
Friday 6 th March	PTFA Wonderlicious Bars	PTFA poster to follow
Monday 9 th March Company needed to change the date	Reception Learn to Ride – Day 1	All day Letter to follow

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Tuesday 10 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Gift and Wrap	All year groups PTFA poster to follow
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents' Evening	3.30pm-6pm All year groups. Booking information to follow.
Tuesday 10 th March	Reception Learn to Ride – Day 2	All day Letter to follow
Thursday 12 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Gift and Wrap	All year groups PTFA poster to follow
Thursday 12 th March	Parents' Evening	5pm-7.30pm All year groups. Booking information to follow.
Friday 13 th March	Red Nose Day	All year groups Wear something red. Voluntary donation
Friday 13 th March	Multi-Schools Council meeting	School Councillors and Miss Brown
Friday 13 th March	SSP Virtual Dance	All year groups
w/c Monday 16 th March	Science Week	All year groups Letter to follow
Wednesday 18 th March	Reception Minibeast Day	Reception Parents are invited in to work with their children on a variety of activities. Letter to follow
Friday 20 th March <i>Incorrect date on previous diary dates</i>	Infant Music Festival	AM session Year 2 Choir Letter sent out in January
Wednesday 25 th March	KS1 Racquets Festival at Deanes	Children to be selected Letter to follow
Friday 27 th March	PTFA Donuts and cookies	3pm PTFA poster to follow
Monday 30 th March- Friday 10 th April	EASTER/SPRING HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	All year groups School reopens Monday 13 th April

Yours sincerely,

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Miss H. Maynard
Acting Headteacher

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WEEK 1

23/03, 16/04,
10/04, 15/05,
05/05, 29/06

OPTION 1

MONDAY

Pepperoni Pizza with Potato Wedges

OPTION 2 VEGETARIAN

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges

OPTION 3

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

VEGETABLES

Sweetcorn Broccoli

DESSERT

Apple & Cinnamon Cake

TUESDAY

Chicken Curry with Rice

Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Green Beans Cauliflower

Flapjack with Raisins (Ve)

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Carrots Cabbage

Lemon Drizzle Cake

THURSDAY

Spaghetti Carbonara

Veggie Mince Pasta Bake topped with Cheese

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Carrots Sweetcorn

Vanilla Custard Shortbread (Ve)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve)

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Peas Baked Beans

Ice Cream with Peaches

WEEK 2

02/03, 25/03,
17/04, 19/05,
15/06, 06/07

OPTION 1

MONDAY

BBQ Chicken Pizza with Potato Wedges

OPTION 2 VEGETARIAN

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges

OPTION 3

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

VEGETABLES

Sweetcorn Broccoli

DESSERT

Apple Crumble Slice (Ve)

TUESDAY

Sweet Chilli Chicken with Rice

Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Green Beans Cauliflower

Chocolate Slice (Ve)

WEDNESDAY

Sausages with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Carrots Cabbage

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

THURSDAY

Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti

BBQ Bean Burrito

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Carrots Sweetcorn

Chocolate Crackle Biscuits

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetable Goujons with Chips

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Peas Baked Beans

Ice Lolly (Ve)

WEEK 3

09/03, 15/04,
04/05, 01/06,
15/07

OPTION 1

MONDAY

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges

OPTION 2 VEGETARIAN

Quorn Nuggets with Potato Wedges (Ve)

OPTION 3

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

VEGETABLES

Sweetcorn Broccoli

DESSERT

Iced Jaffa Cake (Ve)

TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken with Rice

Cheese & Baked Bean Wrap

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Green Beans Cauliflower

Vanilla Sponge

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Carrots Cabbage

Chocolate Cornflake Cake (Ve)

THURSDAY

Macaroni Cheese

Katsu Vegetables with Rice (Ve)

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Carrots Sweetcorn

Rainbow Shortbread with Raisins (Ve)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve)

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Peas Baked Beans

Ice Cream with Peaches

SALAD BAR, FRESH FRUIT AND JELLY AVAILABLE DAILY. WE ALWAYS MEET THE GOVERNMENT FOOD BASED STANDARD FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES. ALL OF OUR MEALS ARE FRESHLY PREPARED ON SITE BY OUR TEAM TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO UNDESIRABLE ADDITIVES. MANY OF OUR DISHES CONTAIN HIDDEN VEGETABLES TO INCREASE VEGETABLE INTAKE. WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY WORKING TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR USED IN OUR MENU.

THIS MENU SUPPORTS:



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