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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe we have had yet another icy blast when we should be entering Spring. Thankfully this time it has not reduced us to closure and hopefully it will melt quickly.

Thank you for all the positive comments about our Mother’s Day event. It was a lovely relaxed atmosphere and both children and their adults had a wonderful experience. I would like to thank the staff, particularly the school office, for their additional work in making it successful.

Our next event for the children is being held next week- we are raising awareness of the global issues around hygiene and that many countries do not have access to flushing toilets. This event is called Toilet Twinning and we hope to raise enough money to provide a village with a block of flushing toilets. We will be encouraging children to wear ‘blue for the loo’ and we will be selling cakes to raise funds. Please send your child with a £1 donation for this worthwhile cause.

Thank you also for all of your efforts on world book day- I have never seen such a range of costumes and some very imaginative homemade outfits. It was a brilliant day and the children thoroughly enjoyed the ‘parade ‘of costumes and have grabbed some ideas for next year.

Parent’s Evenings were also successful and it was a pleasure to chat with so many of you. Teachers like the opportunity to talk to you about your child’s progress and find out about the things they do at home. We will be looking at how we can improve communication about your child’s progress next year, hoping to improve the frequency at which you receive information and ideas of how you can best help at home. Eschools worked well as an online booking system and a high percentage of Parent’s Evenings were booked on line. If you do not yet have the app downloaded, we urge you to do so as this will become a main form of communication with newsletter and class communication coming straight through to your phone.

I would like to remind parents that we are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 21st March (this week) and the purpose of this is to gain information from yourselves regarding any information sessions we could offer the community. For example, we could offer monthly coffee mornings with a focus upon different services available such as careers, finance and benefits, housing, parenting support, citizens advice etc. We hope to use our knowledge of the local services to point you in the direction of the support you need. If you have any thoughts about any information sessions that would be useful please come along on 21st at 9am to share your ideas and help us to strengthen our community links.

Finally, I would like to remind parents of our starting and finishing times for Breakfast Club and After School Care. Breakfast Club begins at 7:45am. It is not safe to leave your child before that time as the area is not supervised and we cannot be responsible for ensuring their safety. Our After School Daycare finishes at 5:45pm. Children should be collected promptly or additional charges will be incurred.

As always if you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns please speak to myself or make an appointment through the school office. We aim to work together to ensure your child receives the best possible school experience.

Yours Sincerely

J Bromley

Headteacher

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| Date | Time | | Event |
| Friday 23rd March | | ALL DAY | Red Nose Day |
| Thursday 29th March | | 11.00  5.45 | Easter Service at St. Andrew’s  School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 16th April | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Monday 7th May | | ALL DAY | May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May | |  | Key Stage 2 SATs Week |
| Friday 25th May | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 4th June | | ALL DAY | CPD Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5th June | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Friday 15th June | | 1.00 | Fathers’ Day Event |
| Wednesday 27th June | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Sports Day |
| Thursday 28th June 2017 | | 1.00 – 3.00 | KS2 Sports Day |
| Monday 2nd – Wed 4th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Pre-School to Year 5) |
| Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Year 6) |
| Wednesday 18th July | | 1.45 | Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly |
| Thursday 19th July | | 6.00 | Year 6 Sleepover |
| Friday 20th July | | 5.45 | School Closes for Summer Holiday |