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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are heading towards the last week of term – the term has gone so fast. School closes at 5:45pm 9th February and reopens for Breakfast Club on Monday 19th February. Some of our diary dates are also fast approaching. Please remember that next week we have the Y6 SATs meeting on Wednesday 7th February at 5pm and the Year 1 Phonics meeting on Thursday 8th at 3.15pm. It has also be necessary to change the Mother’s Day event from Friday 9th March to Friday 16th March. This will allow the children who are in France to still have their last Primary School Mother’s day event. Please also note that the Spring Term parent’s evenings take place Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th March. We will be promoting the use of our new online booking system this year to make the process quicker and easier for parents. To use this method, you will need to have your ‘eschools’ login and navigate your way to the ‘parents evening’ tab. From here you can follow the instructions. We will also however, send written instructions nearer the time.

**Donations and volunteer helpers**

Once again, thank you for all the donations of coats, wellies and clothes that are continuing to come into school. We use this so many times during a school week and they have been an invaluable resource to children who may have forgotten clothing or have accidents during the school day. I would also like to thank those people who are currently volunteering or have asked recently to be added to our list. We always need people who will offer reading sessions with children, offer to support or run clubs or can be an extra pair of hands in our very busy Early Years. If you would like to help out, please speak to the office to complete the relevant forms so we can get you into school ASAP.

**On-line safety**

It has come to our attention yet again that some children are using social media or gaming platforms to be very unkind to other children. Mis-use of these platforms are taken very seriously be the police and can be reportable as anti-social behaviour. We will be utilising our PCSO’s in the near future to talk to children about anti-social behaviour and the potential consequences. It has even been highlighted on the BBC news this week, the detrimental impact of using these forms of communication on young children. Evidence from specialists in online safety have said “They are not old enough to navigate the complexities of online relationships which often lead to misunderstandings and conflicts”. Please help keep your child safe by monitoring what they access and by looking through their history ensuring they are not vulnerable to online abuse.

**School funding**

As recently highlighted in the news, schools are increasing under pressure from reduced budgets. One of our funding streams is based on information we gather from parents about your entitlement to Free School Meals. We believe there may be more families who are entitled to this provision than we have listed and this can make a dramatic difference to the funding the Local Authority provide for us. If you have not already completed an eligibility questionnaire and think you may be entitled, please contact the school office. The school will still receive funding even if you choose not to take up the free meal and send your child with a packed lunch- we believe we may be able to claim an extra £20,000 if we had all the eligibility forms completed. Our aim is to provide the best educational experience for the children in the school but unfortunately this costs money!

As always, if you have anything you would like to discuss, please speak to the class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bromley

Head teacher

**** Key Diary dates for 2017-18

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| Date | Time | | Event |
| Monday 8th January 2018 | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Wednesday 10th January | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 1 Multiskills Tournament |
| Tuesday 23rd January | | 12.30 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament |
| Thursday 25th January | | 4:30pm | Year 6 Ski information event |
| Friday 2nd February | | 1.00 – 2.30 | KS2 Swimming Gala |
| Wednesday 7th February | | 5:00 pm | Year 6 SATs information event |
| Thursday 8th February | | 3:15pm | Year 1 Phonics information event |
| Friday 9th February | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 19th February | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Tuesday 20th February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 3 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Wednesday 21st February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 4 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Thursday 1st March | | ALL DAY | World Book Day |
| Sat 3rd - Friday 9th March | | Whole week | Y6 France trip |
| **Friday 16th March** | | **11.30** | **Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea** |
| Monday 12th – Wed 14th March | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents’ Evening |
| 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 |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Tuesday 4th September | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |