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'Growing & Learning Together'

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Dear Parent/Carer

This half term seems to have gone by very quickly, although we are still in the midst of some very cold weather. It has been a successful half term in many respects though, congratulations to all those who have competed for the school in terms of sporting events and some are looking forward to representing West Norfolk at County events after half term. Thank you if you attended one of our Family Cafes, assemblies, parent lunches or information sessions; we hope that you have found them both enjoyable and informative.

We have many different opportunities that the children will be taking part in over the next half term and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Have a safe half term and if you go – enjoy the MART!

Yours sincerely

R McGlone

Headteacher

**Please note: We are closed on Monday
26 February – due to our Talk4Writing
Training.**

Parent Teacher meetings

These are planned for Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 March. An invitation to book an online slot will be sent out at the end of February.

Parents Lunches next term:

Parents are welcome to join their children for lunch on their class allotted day. However, if you are coming for lunch, please remember that **both** parent and child are expected to purchase a meal or jacket potato from the kitchen.

28 February 2018 - Year 1 or
2 March 2018 - Year 1
7 March 2018 - Year R or
9 March 2018 - Year R
14 March 2018 - Year 3
21 March 2018 - Year 2

World Book Day

World Book day is coming up soon on 1 March – details of how we will be celebrating this will come out shortly after half term.

Family Celebration at the Church

As our Christingle service was so popular, we have been asked to do some more celebration events in conjunction with the church this year. Our first will be a celebration event for families on Wednesday 7 March at 2pm for our KS1 families. Although the following Sunday is Mother's Day we will be celebrating all those who care for us. I hope that some of you will be able to join us.

Group Photographs

Group photographs are scheduled for Wednesday 14 March.

Achievement Assemblies next term:

23 February - Year 3
2 March - Year 4
9 March - Clubs/Sporting
Updates
16 March - Year 5
28 March - Year R

Singing Workshop

We are delighted to announce that just after half term on 21 February we will be joined by some teachers from the National Youth Choir for a singing workshop for our Years 3 & 4. This is an amazing opportunity for the children to have fun and sing! We are running this in conjunction with Cherry Tree Academy and there may be some media interest – so look out for us in the press!

Sports Day

Sports day has been set for Friday 15 June, with a reserve date of Thursday 21 June. If both of those dates are rained off we will not be able to set another date due to other commitments in school such as our residential trip for Years 5 & 6 at Hilltops.

Sign2Sing

As many of you know we are learning to sign and sing! Practices are going well and this will culminate on 16 March with 2 other local schools joining together with us to sing all the songs together from the sign2sing website. We will be asking for donations to this worthy charity who campaign for deaf children. We are looking forward to it and still practicing hard – but again we are hoping to be in the press and maybe even on TV!

Sports for School's Vouchers

For anyone who reads the EDP – we are collecting the SportsForSchools vouchers. The more we collect the more sports equipment we can claim!

Other reminders:

Absence in school term time

Please be aware the school cannot authorise any absence in term time unless it is for an exceptional circumstance. Holidays are not usually accepted as exceptional circumstance; therefore if you do book a holiday in term time, you may be referred to the County Council and could be fined.

Infant School Meals (Years R-2)

Reminder – your child is offered a free hot school meal or jacket potato every day. However, lunches are cooked to order and therefore **must** be booked in advance. A form is sent home on the Thursday to help you with your booking and this should be returned on Monday morning. If you haven't got a form – please write it on a piece of paper. Also, if there is any change to your order, please can you let us know? If you do not book a meal, then there may not be enough for your child.

Photographs and use of mobile phones

Reminder – please turn off your mobile phones whilst in school. We do not allow photographs to be taken in assemblies by individuals as we do not have permission from all parents to allow others to take photos of their children.

Bicycles and Scooters

Children and adults **should not cycle anywhere** inside the school grounds before or after school. This includes on the other side of the roundabout to get to the bicycle sheds. You will notice that the school council have made posters on display to remind you of this.

Please find a list of diary dates attached

DATE		EVENT
2018		
February	½ Term Holiday	Pupils Back to School
	19	Swimming lessons Year 4 (6)
	21	National Youth Choir – Singing Workshop
	22	Year 4 Family Café - 1.45pm Tea & Coffee Start @ 2.00 pm
	23	Football Tournament Achievement Assembly @ 2.55pm – Year 3
	26	INSET DAY
	27	Year R Family Café - 1.45pm Tea & Coffee Start @ 2.00 pm
	28	Representatives @ County Cross Country @ Holkham Hall Parent Lunches – Year 1 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult
March	2	Parent Lunches – Year 1 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult Achievement Assembly @ 2.55pm – Year 4
	5	Swimming lessons Year 4 (7)
	7	Parent Lunches – Year R (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult KS1 Family Celebration @ Church 2.00 pm
	8	Year 6 visit to Kinesis @ Norwich
	9	Parent Lunches – Year R (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult Achievement Assembly @ 2.55pm – Club update PTA Disco KS1 5.00-6.00 KS2 6.30 – 8.00 pm
	12	Swimming lessons Year 4 (8) Year 5 Science trip to Downham Market Academy
	13	Parent consultations 5.30 – 8.30 pm
	14	Group photographs Parent Lunches – Year 3 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult Parent consultations 3.30 – 5.30 pm
	16	Sign2sing @ Marham Achievement Assembly @ 2.55pm – Year 5
	19	Swimming lessons Year 4 (9)
	21	Parent Lunches – Year 2 (Please order meals the week before). Cost £2.76 per adult
	22	Pizza Workshop for Year 3 Netball tournament – 12.30 – 15.15
	23	NO Achievements Assembly PTA Cake stall @ 3.15 pm
	26	Swimming lessons Year 4 (10) Football tournament 12.30 – 15.15
	28	Achievement Assembly @ 2.55pm – Year R
	29	INSET DAY
30 March - 13 April		EASTER HOLIDAYS
April	16	Swimming lessons Year 5 (1)

This is a list of diary dates confirmed on 9 February 2018 subject to amendments.

Please note – we do not text reminders for regular events, such as Parent lunches.
Please see the electronic board for any changes.