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News & Updates

We have less than two weeks left of Spring term 2022. The last day of school for all children before we close for the Easter break is **Thursday 31st March**. Friday 1st April is a staff training day, and we will be in school getting ready for our 'create' summer term, where our curriculum projects will focus on the arts.

The first day of the summer term is **Wednesday 20th April**.

Thank you so much to all our families for your kind donations for Comic Relief. We raised an amazing £380 and had lots of fun dressed as superheroes.

We still have raffle tickets available from our school office to win a family holiday to Butlins. Tickets are £10 and all money raised will be sent to *Voices of Children*, a charity which helps support children of war in Ukraine. We are working in partnership with Mimi's Mission and, even if you don't want to purchase a ticket, any donations are welcome.

Our focus value this term is inspiration and our children have been thinking about those who inspire them. Teddie in Year 3 is certainly living out our school value through his own charity work to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital by swimming 5km throughout March. This is a fantastic achievement, and he is making his way closer to his goal each week during school swimming sessions. If anyone would like to

support Teddie with this, please do talk to his mum in the playground.

Parent Drop In

We are really looking forward to welcoming our families back into school after so long! Please come back into school with your child to look at their work on the following days:

Monday 21st March – Yr3 and Yr4

Tuesday 22nd March – Yr5 and Yr6

Monday 28th March – Reception, Yr1 and Yr2.

Teachers will have all your child's books out ready for you to look through with your child. Feel free to have a look at our new library too! Please can I remind you, however, that this is not a time to discuss your child's progress with staff. If you have any concerns or questions, please do get in touch with us – you do not need to wait for parent consultations.

Parent Consultations

We are holding two days of after school parent consultations:

Tuesday 29th March – face to face (all teachers will be in the hall ready to talk to you)

Wednesday 30th March – virtually, online.

All bookings must be made through School Cloud. If your child has an IPP, you will have the option to book a double appoint so a review of their targets can also be



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completed at the appointment. Please do get in touch with us if you need any support booking an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Covid-19

It is important to remember that coronavirus has not disappeared even though it is now a virus we are learning to live with. Please can I ask all parents not to attend a Drop-In session or face to face parent consultation if you are displaying symptoms or have tested positive?

Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance.

Please can I remind all parents that term time holidays will not be approved. We appreciate some holidays have been cancelled due to the pandemic, however; children have also missed time in school, and we are working really hard to ensure they catch up.

All children need to be in school - parents will receive a fixed penalty notice warning letter if a term time holiday is taken.

FrOGS Easter Events

Don't forget to enter the FrOGS Easter competition! Children can get creative and decorate a hardboiled egg, design their own Easter egg, or create a piece of Easter or spring artwork. All entries need to be in

school by Wednesday 30th March. Winners will receive an egg-citing prize!!

The whole school will be taking part in our Sponsored Easter Hop on the last day of term (31st March). We will be having lots of Easter fun and any money raised will go towards resources and experiences for our children.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our children is our priority. If you are concerned about the safety of anyone in our community, please do get in touch with us immediately. Our safeguarding team is Antonia Brooks (DSL), Stuart Spendlow (DDSL), Sophie Waters (SENDCo) and Caroline Jaines (FSW).

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. You can also call Children's Safeguarding on 01522 782111. You do not need to know everything about the situation: you may just feel worried or feel that something isn't right.

Online Safety

Keeping our children safe online is so important in the ever-changing digital world. Children have recently taken part in assemblies relating to fake news and not sharing personal information online.

Alan McKenzie is an online safety adviser and in this video, he discusses the topic of online gaming and emphasises that whilst to some, gaming just means playing games, but to children it is quite different and there are 2 main reasons for this:



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- The majority of children play games for socialisation - their friendship groups.
- A small number of children play games to escape something that is, or has, gone wrong in their lives. In other words, they use games as a coping mechanism.

I would recommend all parents watch this video as gaming amongst our children is more popular now than ever before:

<https://vimeo.com/487627625/3c5538740c>

Further Useful Links:

Gaming Hub - Lots of useful information here: gaming age guides, what you need to know, choosing the best games, setting limits and more:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Common Sense Media - If your child is asking you about a game and you're not sure, it's worth having a look on the Common Sense Media website where you can find advice and opinion about thousands of games.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/games-e-reviews>

Taming Gaming - this is a brilliant resource for parents, with lots of useful information. The site is owned by a father who is a big gaming enthusiast.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/features/curated+Lists+of+Amazing+Video+Games+that+Parents+Love>

Please do NOT send your child to school if they have:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

DATES FOR THE DIARY

21st March – Year 3 and 4 Parent Drop In
22nd March – Year 5 and 6 Parent Drop In
25th March – Reception and Nursery visit to Rand Farm
28th March – Reception, Year 1 and 2 Parent Drop In
29th March 3.30 – 5.30pm Face to Face Parent Consultations
30th March 3.30 – 5.30pm Virtual Parent Consultations
28th – 30th March Year 6 PGL residential
31st March – FrOGS Sponsored Easter Hop
31st March – Last day of term 4

20th April – First day of term 5
20th April 3.30 - 5.30pm Year 6 Parent Consultations
21st April 3.30 - 5.30pm Year 6 Parent Consultations
25th – 28th April – Year 5 Bikeability
26th April – 6.30pm FrOGS Meeting

2nd May – May Bank Holiday
9th May – KS2 SATs Week
27th May – Last day of term 5

6th June – First day of term 6
6th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

22nd July – Last day of term 6