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Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th March
Tuesday 20th March
Thursday 22nd March
Wednesday 28th March
Monday 18th June
Tuesday 19th June
Wednesday 4th July
Wednesday 11th July
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Thursday 12th July

Year 2 Fire Safety Demonstration
Parents' Consultation Evening 4-6 p.m.
Parents' Consultation Evening 5.30 onwards
Richard Tysoe (Poet) in school
Key Stage 2 visit to Roald Dahl museum
Book fair week in school
Possible Middle School Transfer day for year 4 children
9am – Image Musical Theatre performance of Alice in Wonderland
Evening performance of KS2 concert
Afternoon and Evening performances of KS2 concert

School Term Dates:

Half Term Week
Break up for Easter
Start of Summer Term
May Day Bank Holiday
Half Term Week
Closure day
Break up

Week commencing Monday 12th Feb 2007
Friday 30th March 2007
Tuesday 17th April 2007
Monday 7th May 2007
Week commencing Monday 28th May 2007
(polling day) Thursday 3rd May 2007
Friday 20th July 2007

Start of Autumn Term
Half Term Week
Break up

Tuesday 4th September 2007
Week commencing 22nd October 2007
Thursday 20th December 2007

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and wish all our parents and children a very happy New Year.

Blue Peter Appeal

Mrs Youngs says, 'Thank you for your support so far and please keep those unwanted shoes coming in!'. We have had 92 pairs of shoes so far. Well done.

Toy Cars in School

The mid-day supervisors have requested that children should not bring toy cars into school as there have been many problems. It has been suggested that if anyone would like to donate a car, a collection can be built up for the children to play with at playtime.

School Development Plan

Any Parents or Guardians wishing to contribute to the next cycle of the School Development Plan (2007-2010) may contact the Office or their child's teacher. The appropriate pro-forma will be sent to you. This exercise will involve staff, parents, governors and children.

Arrival in the Mornings

We have noticed that there are sometimes one or two children left unaccompanied in the playground before 8.45. Could we remind all parents that children should be looked after by an adult until a member of staff takes over at 8.45am. Alternatively, Forest Club is open from 8 a.m.

Booking your Summer Holiday for 2007?

Please could you avoid the period from 17th April until 28th May 2007 for taking holidays if your child is in Year 2, 3 or 4 (i.e. the whole first half of the summer term). During this time the children will be fully prepared for the QCA and SATs tests. This preparation period is absolutely vital and will be followed by the two weeks of testing, during which children should not be absent unless unwell or attending hospital appointments etc. Any child who misses any of the tests will have to sit them on their return.

Illness

If your child has been absent because of sickness and/or diarrhea, it is essential that they are kept home for at least 48 hours after the symptoms have subsided. These are guidelines from the Health Protection Agency and there are no exceptions.

Spare Clothes

Thank you to those of you who have donated spare clothes and towels. They will be very useful. If any parents still have items to donate, they can be handed into the Office any time.

Walking Bus

Last year at this time we had a very successful trial walking bus, operating from the Langdale shops car park. We have just heard from County Hall that there are funds available to support a walking bus (money is needed to buy hi-vis tabards etc.) but we need people to run it. If any parents are interested in helping, please have a word with Mrs Pynn in the office.

School Admissions Service – County Hall

Parents wishing to contact the service can do so on any of the following numbers:
01234 228140/228593/228179/228987/228878

School Closure due to Adverse Weather Conditions

December has been very mild but we may, at some point, experience severe weather conditions during the winter months. If the roads are dangerous or impassable due to snow etc., the school will alert the local radio stations (Three Counties and Chiltern). If in doubt, please listen to the radio, who will broadcast a list of school closures.

Ian Black
Headteacher

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