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Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22nd February
Tuesday 6th March
Tuesday 20th March
Thursday 22nd March
Wednesday 28th March
Wednesday 25th April
Thursday 26th April
Friday 25th May
Monday 18th June
Tuesday 19th June
Thursday 21st June
Tuesday 3rd July
Thursday 5th July
Wednesday 4th July
Wednesday 11th July
Wednesday 11th July
Thursday 12th July

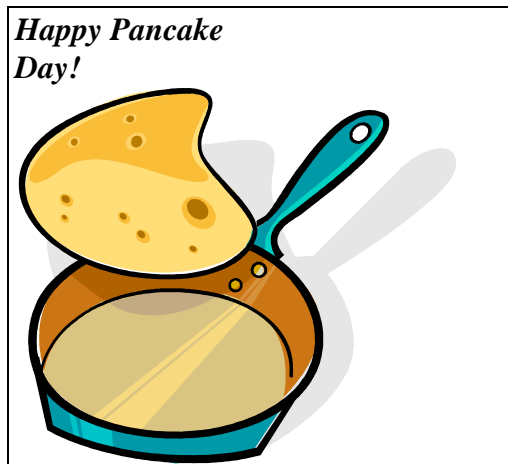
Money Trail
Book Fair Week
Parents' Consultation Evening 4-6 p.m.
Parents' Consultation Evening 5.30 onwards
Richard Tysoe (Poet) in school
4+ trip to Mead Open Farm
Class and group photographs
Bedfordshire Music Jazz Group concert
Key Stage 2 visit to Roald Dahl Museum
Book Fair Week
New Intake 2007 Parents' Information Evening
New Intake 2008 Open Day for prospective parents and children
New Intake 2008 Open Evening for prospective parents
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	Week commencing Monday 12 th Feb 2007
Break up for Easter	Friday 30 th March 2007
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday 17 th April 2007
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May 2007
Half Term Week	Week commencing Monday 28 th May 2007
Closure day	(polling day) Thursday 3 rd May 2007
Break up	Friday 20 th July 2007
Start of Autumn Term	Tuesday 4 th September 2007
Half Term Week	Week commencing 22 nd October 2007
Break up	Thursday 20 th December 2007

Health and Safety – Swimming Pool Site

As you know, the swimming pool was dismantled during the summer holidays following its closure by County Hall on health and safety grounds. Unfortunately the site was not left in the condition we had hoped for and a netting fence was placed around it. This blew away in the recent gales and left the site open. It has now been replaced and we will remind the children that the site is out of bounds. Our concern is that parents have been seen to be taking short cuts across the site and walking down the old 'swimming pool' steps. Please be aware that this site is earmarked for development and is currently unsafe so access is restricted - please do **not** enter the area.



Headlice ‘Bug Busting’ Week

Many thanks for the response so far. Some parents have mentioned that although they check their children’s hair regularly, there may be others who are not so vigilant and this is why it is difficult to eradicate the problem. Please use the half term break to check and treat any outbreaks. We have a very informative video about head lice in school which parents are welcome to borrow.

Reminder – Out of Bounds Areas

Members of staff have seen children in areas that are not part of their play areas and are out of bounds. This is especially apparent at the end of the day when parents are picking the children up. The areas concerned are the bank outside the 4+ door, which is planted with bulbs, the railings above the boiler room, which are dangerous as there is a steep drop, and also children have been seen running around on the grass at the front of the school and climbing on the railings. Please also be aware that children should not use the wooden play equipment on the field unless a member of staff is present. **Please help us to keep your children safe while on school grounds.**

Blue Peter Shoe Biz Appeal

Mrs Youngs says, ‘Thank you so much for your support. We have had 129 pairs of shoes so far. Well done.’

Lost Property Mountain

If your child has lost anything since September, please come into school and look through the lost property box. All items that have a legible label are returned to the owner but items that are unnamed remain in the box. The mountain has now reached avalanche point! Mrs Barker will arrange for all unclaimed uniform to be recycled during half term. It is essential that all items of clothing brought into school are named.

Arrival in the Mornings

We have noticed that there are still 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.

Walk to School Scheme

Unfortunately it has been very difficult to run this successful scheme this year as the parent who kindly helped us last year is unable to carry on as her daughter has moved on to middle school. If any parent(s) can come to our rescue to maintain the enthusiasm of the children who walk, we would be very grateful. Please see Mrs Pynn or Mrs Peck if you can help. We have been informed by the Road Safety Team that a pelican crossing is planned for Bull Pond Lane and will be situated outside the school. In conjunction with this, we have been reminded that it is essential that our gates are closed while children are on site. We have not yet been told whether the current school crossing patrol will remain in force after the new crossing is installed. The ‘lollipop lady’ is unable to cover from time to time, so please be vigilant!

Leave of Absence

The new Leave of Absence form from County Hall is now in use. Requests for absence must now be made at least four weeks before the date of the absence and a reason must be given as to why the absence is required during term time.

School Closure due to Adverse Weather Conditions

Just a reminder - 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. If we have any snow, let’s hope it is during half term!

We hope you all enjoy the half term break.

Ian Black Headteacher