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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events in school

Harvest assembly – thank you so much for all your generous donations for the food bank. We had so many donations that we have been able to share them with the food bank in Middlewich as well as the one in Sandbach. The children enjoyed finding out about harvest and about sharing what we have with others who may be less fortunate.

Mad Science assemblies – the children really enjoyed their Mad Science assembly this morning with Exploding Erika. They learnt that energy can be used in different ways to produce light. Mad Science will be running after school clubs after half term – flyers have been sent out with further information about how to book a place.

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October

Our Parents' Evenings will take place next week **online**. This meeting is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, to let you know how your child has settled into school and how we will be supporting your child over the coming term. It is also an opportunity for you to share any information with the teacher that you feel is particularly relevant. Please ensure you have booked your appointment on the booking system.

Reading volunteers in school

We are very fortunate to have some reading volunteers starting to help in school after the half term break. Most year groups will benefit from this support and our volunteers are looking forward to getting to know the children and listen to them read and talk about books.

Morning break snack after half term – Fridays only

After the half term break we will be trialling bacon baps or vegetarian sausage baps as a morning break snack on **Fridays** just for years 4, 5 and 6 initially to gauge popularity. A bap will cost £1.20 and can be ordered and paid for using the online payment system from after half term.

After School Activities – Autumn 2 (after half term)

As the weather becomes more inclement and the evenings are darker, we will not be running any outdoor activities for the second half of this term. After school activities for after half term are as follows:-

Activities run by school staff:-

- Tuesday – Singing Club 3.20-4.00pm (Years 4-6 run by Ms Lackford)
- Wednesday – Coding Club 3.20-4.20pm (Year 6 – run by Miss Maddock and Mr Vickery)
- Thursday – Cooking Club 3.15-4.30pm (Year 5 – run by Mrs Hill and Mrs Middleton)

Activities run by outside providers:-

- Monday: Gymnastics with Sports Coaching Group for Year 1-3 (3:20pm-4:20pm)
- Tuesday: Art with Jo Green for Year 1-6 (3.20pm-5.00pm)
- Wednesday: Dodgeball with Sports Coaching Group for Year 3-6 (3:20pm-4:20pm)



- Wednesday: Mad Science* for Year 1-6 (3.20-4.20pm) from 1st November to 6th December (6 weeks)
- Friday: Dance with Sports Coaching Group for Year 1-3 (3:20pm-4:20pm)

PTA AGM

Our PTA will hold their AGM online. Everyone is welcome to join – please see the link below.

Topic: AGM

Time: Oct 17, 2023 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85184991166?pwd=TfDaMXdzbnfUm4NjCtUumMOFY0aCWE.1>

Meeting ID: 851 8499 1166

Passcode: hcpsagm

Reminder School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

Timeline	Penalty Charges
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent per child
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent per child
After 28 days	The parent will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrate's Court on the grounds of having failed to secure their child/ children's regular attendance

As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for the new academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

October 2023

Wednesday 18 th and Thursday 19 th	Parents' Evenings online
Thursday 19 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half term – school closed

November 2023

Thursday 2nd	Y5 Viking Day (change of date – see below)
Monday 13 th	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 22 nd	Hamper donation day – PTA (more details to follow)
Friday 24 th	Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Tuesday 28 th	FLUENZ Vaccinations



December 2023

Sunday 3 rd	Village Christmas Market 3-7pm
Tuesday 12 th	Y4 visit to theatre – The Nutcracker
Tuesday 12 th	Reception Nativity for Class RA (Miss MacWilliam) 10am
Wednesday 13 th	Reception Nativity for Class R (Mrs Noble/Mrs Winter) 10am
Wednesday 13 th	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 2pm
Thursday 14 th	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 6pm
Friday 15 th	Y5 Viking Day
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st	Christmas parties
Friday 22 nd December – Monday 8 th January	Christmas holiday – school closed

January 2024

Monday 8 th	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 9 th	Spring term begins

February 2024

Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 th	Young Voices – Manchester
Monday 12 th – Wednesday 14 th	Y5 residential
Thursday 15 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term – school closed

Other key dates for your diary –

- Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February
- Year 4 Presentation to parents – Wednesday 20th March at 9.30am
- Year 3 Presentation to parents – Tuesday 30th April at 9.30am
- Year 5 Presentation to parents – Thursday 23rd May at 9.30am
- Sports Day – Friday 28th June (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
- Year 6 Leaver's Performance – Tuesday 16th July at 2pm and Wednesday 17th July at 7pm

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

