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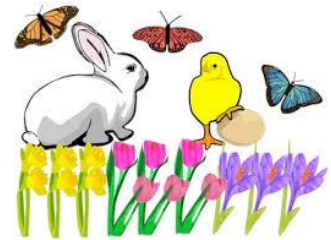
*2nd March 2017*

*Focus Value: Teamwork*

**Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term.**

It's lovely to have lighter mornings and longer evenings at last, and many classes are enjoying looking for signs of spring, which is almost upon us.

Year 6 have started working hard on their SATs revision, the majority of them willingly attending booster lessons before and/or after school. We wish them all well, encourage them to do their best, and can promise them an enjoyable end to Year 6 once the tests are done!



**Sal's Shoes**

Thank you for your contributions. We collected 216 pairs of shoes!



**Ali Baba**

You are warmly invited to our Choir production of Ali Baba on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7 pm. Tickets will be available from Monday.

**School Residential Trips**

We have now had the final invoices for the Year 4, 5 and 6 residential schools trips. Please could we ask that final payments be made as soon as possible. Thankyou

**Staff**

We are very sorry to tell you that Mr Jones, our music teacher, will be leaving his post at the end of this term due to his workload away from school. Mr Jones is an inspirational music teacher who has enabled many children to excel in a way they could never have hoped for. He will continue to visit us to give piano lessons and he will also continue to coach the Junior Choir until their performance at The Harlequin Theatre in May, for which we are grateful. He will be hugely missed.

Further staffing updates will be given in due course.



**Homework**

Homework books have started coming home or will be coming home soon for Phases 2 and 3. If you have any questions about your child's homework, please don't hesitate to contact their class teacher; we will also welcome your feedback on the new system.

We will be offering Homework Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays on a regular or drop-in basis. Further details of this will come by separate e-mail or via your child's class teacher.



**Attendance**

Fox Class won the attendance award for last week with 98.5%. Well done to them!



**Online Safety**

***The importance of this issue cannot be overstated.*** We hope to see many of you at our Internet Safety parents' training session later this term where Miss Jowitt and Miss Vigar will be sharing really important guidance with you.

In the meantime, we urge all parents and carers to be extremely vigilant about what children are doing online and to ensure that children only go online in the sight of a parent. We also urge you to abide by the age limit laws and guidelines. They are there for a reason, and research is beginning to show the harm that can come to children if they play adult-rated computer games at a young age.



**Sainsbury's Active Kids**

The new Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers are now available. Please can we ask that you collect them for us? The box is situated the front office reception.



## Online Safety Tip

### Check what's needed

Don't give out information online simply because it's asked for - think whether whoever is asking for it, really needs it. When you're filling in forms online, for example to register with a website or sign up for a newsletter, always provide the minimum information possible.

## Toys and Personal Belongings

Below is a reminder of our rules and guidelines for bringing in toys and other belongings. The rules are there to prevent the distress that can be caused when items brought in go missing, so please follow them:

- No toys to be brought into school (including football cards etc) unless children have been invited to bring something in for a learning-related activity. In this case, the items must be given to the class teacher for safe-keeping.
- A small tennis-sized ball may be brought in for playtimes (not footballs, as these are provided).
- Children up to Year 2 should not bring in pencils etc as these are supplied in class.
- Children in Years 3 to 6 may bring in pens and pencils if they wish, although they do not need to. You are strongly advised not to bring in costly or precious items.
- If you think your child needs a particular item due to anxiety or to help with concentration, please discuss this with the class teacher, who will make arrangements with you.
- Items brought to school without the teacher's permission are at the owner's risk.



## Term Dates and Holidays 2016 -2017 and 2017 - 2018

All term and holiday dates for this year and next year are available on the website. Please ask at the office if you cannot access them.

**Please note:** At this point we can confirm that **Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 will be an Inset day.** We expect the autumn term to begin for children on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. However, all other holiday/Inset dates may be subject to minor changes – we will confirm the final dates as soon as we possibly can.

## Inset Days 2016/2017

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (giving families a long weekend, with Bank Holiday Monday)  
Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017



## Coming Up...

Friday 3rd March at 9.10: Fox Class assembly

Thursday 9th March at 2.15: Online safety training session for parents/carers. Prizes, vouchers and refreshments available! Do please make every effort to attend this session, as this is such an important issue given the rapid pace of change in technology and the internet. **Help us to help you keep your children safe online.**

Friday 10th March at 9.10: Emerald Class assembly

Tuesday 14th March from 3.15: Open Classroom (Years R to 6) and report consultation evening (Years 1 to 6)

Friday 17th March at 9.10: Ruby Class assembly

Monday 20th March at 1.30: Ali Baba dress rehearsal (parents with small children welcome.)

Tuesday and Wednesday 21st and 22nd March at 7 pm: Ali Baba production (no under 3s)

Friday 24th March: Mothers' day afternoon and assembly

Monday 27th March: Toddler morning in Nursery

Wednesday 29th March: Always Children afternoon

Friday 31st March 1 pm: Final Spring assembly and prize giving. Term ends.