



## DATES

### FEBRUARY

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** – HALF TERM

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** – school re-opens at 8.50 am

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Visit from Bishop Tom Naylor

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** – WWII Workshops for Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

### MARCH

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Day

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Rocksteady Concert at 10.00 am

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Mrs. Daly's last day before starting Maternity leave

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** – School closes at 1.00 pm for EASTER

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** – GOOD FRIDAY

### APRIL

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** – School re-opens at 8.50 am

### May

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Holy Communion

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – HALF TERM

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Holy Communion

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## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Over the last few weeks, we have been thinking about Love and Thanks. We have listened to the scripture from John's Gospel on making our home with God. We have used this to think that each time we speak and interact with each other, we are also doing this with God. As always, the children were spectacular in their understanding and reflecting on how they should treat others in our homes, families, school and communities.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Tom Naylor to our school on our first Monday back after half term – it will be a pleasure to show him our school; he'll be absolutely thrilled by our children...who wouldn't.

## HSBC FINANCE WORKSHOPS

HUGE thanks to Lisa and Claire from HSBC who visited us on Monday and Tuesday this week. They went into all classes to talk about finance and support the children in their understanding of financial education. They were delighted with the children and how engaged they were in their sessions. They remarked how thoughtful they were, especially around excess food. Rather than the children suggesting they sell it and make a profit, our children simply suggested food banks, supporting the needy and looking after the less fortunate. We could not be prouder!

Huge thanks to @HSBC\_UK for supporting this type of programme and for spending time in our school. We look forward to welcoming them back in a few weeks' time when they bring certificates, a crystal trophy and another opportunity to speak with our children.



## **VIOLIN HEROES**

Our Year 5 children put on a superb concert for the junior children and their parents on Tuesday afternoon. All I can say is...WOW! They were spectacular; precision timing, coordination and musicality. I have to be very diplomatic but I can honestly say one of the very best I've seen.

Huge thanks to Mrs. Harvey who has been teaching them over the past two academic years. She was so thrilled with them and always told us that they are an incredibly talented group. Special congratulations to Emilia from Year 6, and George from Year 5, who played solos after taking additional lessons. What incredible talent!



## **HIT SWIMMERS**

Well done to our stunning swimming team. A selection of our Year 5 and 6 children competed this week in the district gala making it through to 7 finals!

A special well done to the girls for winning the girls' team shield...along with a host of medals! Watch out for next year as most of the team were in Year 5. Well done everyone – you were all dazzling!



## **STAFF CAR PARK**

I know we have mentioned this many times over the year but some parents are continuing to drop off in the staff car park. Not only is that dangerous but it is preventing staff getting in on time. It is a very small car park, not big enough for the staff we have but parents are parking up, blocking staff out, and walking their children into school.

Please give yourself plenty of time to get to school, park in a nearby road and walk your child to their classroom door before 9.00 am. Many thanks for your support.

**NO  
PARKING IN  
THIS AREA**

**NO PARKING  
IN FRONT OF  
THIS GATE**  
PLEASE KEEP ENTRANCE  
CLEAR AT ALL TIMES

## **ATTENDANCE**

THIS DATA shows the attendance of the school over the first half term of spring. It is our lowest attendance to date and is far from our target of 96.0%.

While we appreciate some children are genuinely ill, and we know children need to be at home, if long weekends, holidays and birthdays are taken on top of illness, the situation is exacerbated.

We will be monitoring children's attendance very carefully next half term and involving the Education Welfare Department for families where attendance is becoming a concern, or remaining a concern.

**That said, WE'LL DONE to Year 1 for the highest attendance in the school, and the ONLY class to be above our school target! Congratulations to you!**

