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News Update 21 **12th March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mr Ball's London Marathon

Mr Ball is running the London Marathon this year for Isabel Hospice. Please see his letter attached to this email.

INSET Days for 2024/2025

Last night at the full governing body meeting the following INSET days were approved:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025

Parents Evening Consultations

We have a new way of booking parents evening appointments. You will receive an email or text with a link to the new booking system. The dates for these are Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March.

St John's Ambulance

St John's Ambulance has lots of free resources that are available to parents/carers. The first is an app that can be downloaded <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/free-first-aid-app/> and the second is a series of You Tube videos <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvd0isBh6beTpKxK0gohHOiaUQqPSI2J>.

Online Safety...Did you know?

The NSPCC have some great resources for parents sharing advice on how to keep children safe online

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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75 Club

Are you interested in joining? A number is £2.50 per month and you are in with a chance to win £30, £15 or £10. All funds raised go to the Friends of Matching Green who are then able to help fund trips, visiting theatre productions and resources for your children. Anyone can sign up for a number; grandparents, family, friends or neighbours. Please contact the School Office if you wish to sign up for a number. Congratulations to Sarah Parks (1st place with £30) Danny Hastings (2nd place with £15) and Jane Brown (3rd place with £10).

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

New dates will be highlighted in yellow.



Thurs	14 th	Mar	Class Photos	Whole School — DATE CHANGED
Tues	19 th	Mar	Experience Easter Workshop	Whole School
Weds	20 th	Mar	Colchester Zoo Trip	Nightingale Class
Fri	22 nd	Mar	Last Forest School Session	Whole School
Fri	22 nd	Mar	Mr Ball's Mini Marathon	Whole School
Mon	25 th	Mar	Parents Evening	5pm-7pm
Tues	26 th	Mar	Lego Workshop	Nightingale and Darwin Class
Weds	27 th	Mar	Parents Evening	3:30pm-5:30pm
Thurs	28 th	Mar	Easter Enrichment Day	Whole School
Easter Holidays Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April				
1:15pm finish on 28/3/24				
Mon	15 th	Apr	Back to School	Whole School
Thurs	18 th	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents only
Fri	19 th	Apr	Celebration Assembly led by Luke House	All parents/carers welcome 9am start
Fri	19 th	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents invited
Mon	22 nd	Apr	PTA Earth Day Bake Sale	All parents/carers/community welcome 9am start
Tues	23 rd	Apr	Class Photos	Whole School
Mon	29 th	Apr	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome

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Mon	13 th	May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6 children only – they MUST be in this week!
Fri	17 th	May	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Mon	20 th	May	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
Tues	21 st	May	Pentecost Service at St Marys Church	9am start whole school
Thurs	23 rd	May	Headteacher’s Year 4 Trip	St Pauls Cathedral
Fri	24 th	May	Parents Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	27 th	May	Half Term	Whole School
Mon	3 rd	June	INSET DAY	Whole School
Weds	5 th	June	Shakespeare Residential Trip	Kingswood Kent returning Friday 7 th June
Mon	10 th	June	Father’s Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Mon	10 th	June	Year 6 Leavers Presentation	Chelmsford Cathedral - Details to be confirmed
Tues	11 th	June	Father’s Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Weds	12 th	June	KS1 Father’s Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Gentlemen
Thurs	13 th	June	KS2 Father’s Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Gentlemen
Fri	14 th	June	Shakespeare Assembly	Shakespeare Class parents only
Tues	18 th	June	Sports Day/Picnic lunch	Whole School details to follow.
Weds	19 th	June	Potter Class Assembly	Potter Class parents only
Fri	21 st	June	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Mon	24 th	June	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers invited
Fri	28 th	June	Darwin Class Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Sat	29 th	June	PTA Matchfest	Whole School details to follow
Wed	3 rd	July	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6 pupils. Wed-Fri 5 th July
Thurs	4 th	July	USA Parents lunch	8 parents only

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Fri	12 th	July	Euros Parent lunch	8 parents only
Mon	15 th	July	PTA meeting	All parents/carers invited
Mon	15 th	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	16 th	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	23 rd	July	Leavers Assembly	Details to follow
Tues	23 rd	July	Last day of term	Finish at 1.15pm

INSET Days Monday 3rd June 2024



Potter Class @potter.class

Nightingale Class @nightingale.class

Darwin Class @charlesdarwin.class

Shakespeare Class @shakespeare.class

PTA @matchinggreenschoolpta.

After School Clubs Page

SCS – Football and Gymnastics

Monday - football and Thursday - gymnastics. They will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm. These clubs are open for all children from Year 2-6. To book and make payment for these clubs please follow the links.

Monday Football <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/109>

Thursday Gymnastics <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/108>

If you have any questions then please make contact with the company directly.

Please can children be in appropriate clothes for the sport they are taking part in. If your child is taking part in football they need football boots and shin pads.

Spanish Club

Runs on a Wednesday. Please see the poster at the front of the school for further information.

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Piano Lessons

Mrs Ramsey has some lesson spaces available. If you wish for your child to take part in piano lessons, then please make contact with her. Her details can be found on this link:
<https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/piano-lessons/>

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Wednesday 12th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am running this year's London Marathon in memory of my mum and mother-in-law who both sadly have passed away over the past six years. I'm running in support of Isabel Hospice- a charity that helped them both towards the end of their illnesses and has supported me and my family since their tragic losses. To help with my fund-raising, I am holding a Marathon for a Marathon fun run at the school on Friday 22nd March in the afternoon in aid of Isabel Hospice. The fun run will take place on the school field and will involve the children wearing their own tops, which can include fancy dress, over their school uniform. Wigs or hats are also welcome. The challenge will be to run a minimum of five laps around the field for KS1 children and a minimum of ten laps for KS2 children. The children will need to bring their change of clothes in to school so they can get changed at school just before the event. They will also need a change of footwear. They will be awarded a certificate at the end of the run to show they completed it.

There will be a suggested donation entry fee of £2 per child or whatever you can afford. All proceeds will go towards helping me raise as much money as I can towards the charity that means so much to me and my family.

Isabel Hospice are a charity that helps people who are terminally ill or need more care and support than the NHS are able to offer. They support people at their homes, as well as having a place where people can go to when they need caring support through serious illness. They also support suffering and bereaved families through these difficult times.

I hope you can support me in reaching my fund-raising target. You can read my story and why I'm putting myself through this ordeal on the back of this letter.

Many Thanks.

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My Story

I ran the London Marathon for Isabel Hospice five years ago in memory of my mum, Pamela Ball. My mum was the best mum anyone could have ever asked for. She was so kind and always such a positive person. Her entire family adored her and she loved them all so much. The fact that she had so many friends from so many walks of life showed just what a wonderful person she was. I still remember the day she told me she had cancer; it will always be one of the worst days of my life. I remember feeling faint and sick. I couldn't believe that cancer had got to my mum, I thought she was too lovely a person to ever have something so horrible.

She fought hard, with a husband, children and grandchildren and her large family, who loved her so much, she wasn't going to let it beat her without a fight. Eventually it did and I can honestly say that day definitely was the worst day of my life. My little girls have to spend their lives without their Grandma and that hurts me so much inside. Before she passed, Isabel Hospice were there for her, helping to make her comfortable at home so she could spend, what we all knew was, her last Christmas with her family. They took her into the Hospice when things weren't looking good but gave us hope right until the end. They provided me with counselling when I was unable to cope with her loss and, I know without the support of Isabel Hospice, I would never have coped at that time, and I owe them so much for that.

This year, I am running the London Marathon again but this time I'll be running in memory of not just my mum but my wife's mum, my mother-in-law Bel. Belinda was such an amazing person who achieved so much in her short life. She was a climber, who had climbed Mont Blanc and others; a keen cyclist, who had cycled from the top of France to the bottom and ran nine marathons- two of those were after being told she'd never run again after breaking her ankle in half. She was my wife's best friend and such a wonderful Nanny to our girls. Like my mum, she was also a fighter, and when she was told she had cancer, she got to work on fighting it and she gave it a really good go. But after a long battle, cancer finally got Bel too. We all adored her so much and losing her meant not only did my wife lose her amazing mum and I lost such a loving mother-in-law, but our girls lost yet another wonderful grandmother. At the end, Isabel hospice gave us support and advice and helped calm us down as we watched Bel slowly pass away.

In honour of Bel, I am hoping to complete this year's marathon in a time that she often made herself- 3 hours and 30 minutes- her go to time for marathon running, although often she was faster!

Please help me raise as much money as I can for this fantastic hospice who help and support people when they're going through their worst times. I need to raise £2500 and with your help I hope to achieve that and more.

Thank you so much.

Mr Ball

