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News Update 19 **27th February 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. A reminder that Monday 4th March is an INSET day.



Mother's Day Lunches

Bookings for KS1 and KS2 Mother's day lunches will be open from 9am tomorrow Wednesday 28th February please can we ask for an email to be sent to the School Office stating your choice of lunch. The choice of lunch for both days is bolognaise pasta bake with garlic bread or jacket potato; when emailing in please let us know which meal you would like and if you are a vegetarian.

KS1 lunch is on Tuesday 12th March and KS2 lunch is on Wednesday 13th March. If you have a child in both key stages, please state which date you are coming.

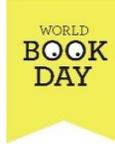
On the KS1 day KS2 children will need to have a packed lunch. On the KS2 day KS1 children will need to have a packed lunch. If you are unable to come, please do not worry as your child will be able to pick a member of staff to have lunch with instead.

Mother's Day Room

On Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March during the morning all children are welcome to come and purchase a surprise gift from the Mother's Day Room for their special lady. Children can choose an item from the £2 or the £5 table, they will then be able to wrap their item and write a label for it. If your child would like to join in with this then please send in a named envelope or make a bank transfer to the PTA account with the reference of your child's surname followed by MDR E.g. SMITHMDR.

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World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in lots of exciting activities so please make sure you look out for photos shared on Instagram.

Can we please ask that Year 3 do not wear any hair colour or make up, this is due to them having their swimming lesson in the afternoon.

**OVERDUE
Please Pay**

Dinner Arrears

Can we ask that school dinner and morning club accounts are kept up to date on a regular basis? Emails go out each week and we are finding they are being ignored; we are spending a lot of time chasing or writing letters requesting payment.

As a school, we cannot afford to allow debts of this nature to build up, if your account goes over £25.00 per child we would ask that, you provide a packed lunch and stop using the morning club until such times that this debt is cleared in full. If you are having financial difficulties please come and speak to me. We have a small pot of funding that we are able to use for families that are facing financial difficulties at this time.

Parent Survey

Currently we have only had 20 responses from 70 families. Please complete as soon as possible so that we have a broader understanding of parents views from across the school.

Every academic year we seek the opinions of parents/carers. We have delayed this a little later in the academic year to allow Reception (Potter Class) parents to have a greater understanding of our school and therefore in a better place to contribute. Please find a link to our parent survey: <https://forms.gle/UZhny2JCp9caVGTP6> . I have extended the closing date deadline to Monday 11th March 2024.

NSPCC

The NSPCC have launched a new campaign 'You don't get instructions' offering parenting advice and support. They've kick started their campaign with a TV advert: https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=O_NIN25GLy0&feature=youtu.be

Their free support and guidance ranges from early parenting, how to manage family life, staying safe online, friends and relationships and supporting yourself and young people. [NSPCC Support and Guidance](#)

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Online Safety...Did you know?

Please find attached a National College guide on Top Tips for Managing Screen Time

NHS: Is my Child too Ill for School?

Please follow this link for information about illnesses and whether or not your child can come to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

New dates will be highlighted in yellow.



Mon	4 th	Mar	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tues	5 th	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Tues	5 th	Mar	West End in Schools Workshop	All children
Weds	6 th	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Thurs	7 th	Mar	World Book Day	Whole School – dressed as a book character
Fri	8 th	Mar	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Mon	11 th	Mar	PTA Meeting	8:45am start
Tues	12 th	Mar	KS1 Mother's Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Ladies
Tues	12 th	Mar	Party Dude – Science Week workshop	Whole School

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Weds	13 th	Mar	KS2 Mother’s Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Ladies
Weds	13 th	Mar	Potter Class Assembly	Potter parents only 9am start
Thurs	14 th	Mar	Class Photos	Whole School
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
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
Mon	29 th	Apr	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
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

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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
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 4th March 2024****Monday 3rd June 2024**

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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.

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/>