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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to Mrs Mephram who has joined our Potter Class team this week!

Census Day

We are encouraging all children to have a school lunch on **Thursday 18th January** as the number of children having a lunch that day will have an impact on our school funding for the academic year. The option is sausage roll.



PTA Film Night

If your child/ren are wanting to join in with the Film Night please can we ask that they are booked on by the morning of Wednesday 17th January, as we need final numbers to order the food. As mentioned before children are welcome to come to school in their pyjamas even if they are not coming to Film Night. They do not need a change of clothes if it is their PE day. It is gymnastics and it will be indoors. Lastly, if they have gymnastics after school they are welcome to join the Film Night afterwards or can just pick one or the other to attend.

Online Safety...Did you know?

Around 20% of children (8-17) with a social media profile use a false age over 18.

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Parents to Lunch

We have planned some exciting parent lunches for you this Spring and Summer Term. This will be an opportunity to come and enjoy lunchtime with your child/ren.

We have made some changes to the Mother's Day and Father's Day lunches to enable one parent per family to come on both of these events. There is now a Key Stage One day and a Key Stage Two day. On the alternative day the key stage your child is in they will have a packed lunch and will eat in their classroom/on the field (weather permitting). For example if your child is in Key Stage One they will have lunch with a family member on Tuesday 12th March but will have a packed lunch on Wednesday 13th March. This will mean that there is more room in the hall and therefore we are able to accommodate a special lady or gentleman for each family. If you have a child in both Key Stage 1 and 2 then please pick one of the two days to come and we will ensure that all children from the family are at the lunch you choose. ***Every family has one space at both the Mother's Day and Father's Day events.***

However, there are limited spaces to the Chinese New Year, Spring, USA and UEFA Euros lunch. You are welcome to choose to come to **one** other lunch, in addition to the Mother's Day and Father's Day lunches, please note there will only be 8 spaces available per day. There will only be **one** space per family at these lunches.

Each lunch is charged at £3.50 and includes the main lunch, the salad bar and a dessert. We will notify you nearer the time when bookings open and what the lunch choice is for that day, you will usually have a choice of the hot option, jacket potato with topping or baguette, there will also be a vegetarian option. When booking please state which option you would like. **Please look out for when you are able to book your lunch nearer the time.**

As always, if you are unable to make the lunch you have booked for, then please let us know as soon as possible.

DATE	EVENT	INVITED
Friday 9 th February	Chinese New Year	All (8 parents only)
Tuesday 12 th March	Mother's Day	All KS1 Special Ladies
Wednesday 13 th March	Mother's Day	All KS2 Special Ladies
Thursday 18 th April	Spring lunch	All (8 parents only)
Friday 19 th April	Spring Lunch	All (8 parents only)
Wednesday 12 th June	Father's Day	All KS1 Special Gentleman

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Thursday 13 th June	Father's Day	All KS2 Special Gentleman
Thursday 4 th July	USA Lunch	All (8 parents only)
Friday 12 th July	Euro Sport Lunch	All (8 parents only)

Reading Rewards Cards

In class, children all have a Reading Reward Card. If children score over 80% on an Accelerated Reader quiz, they will get a stamp on their card. For children not yet on Accelerated Reader, for every three reads at home will count towards a stamp. They must have their reading record signed at home. Once their card is completely full, it's time to get a new card. Every card filled counts towards a prize:

One card full - bookmark

Three cards full – game

Five cards full – arts and crafts box

Ten cards full – a £10 gift card.

Points renew at the end of every year and prizes may change over the year.

This reading incentive encourages more reading at home and children are rewarded for the effort they put in!

Kingswood Parents' Meeting

Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to a Kingswood parents' meeting on Monday 5th February at 3:00pm. This will be held in the school hall, whilst the children remain in class. Miss Roach, Miss Wareham and Mrs Swanton will share with you further details of the trip and will answer any questions that you may have.

INSET Day Date Change

We had an INSET day planned for Monday 26th February 2024, however this has now moved to **Monday 4th March 2024**. We have had to move the date to accommodate the availability of trainers for our paediatric first aid training that will take place on this day.



Friday Forest School

On Forest School days please could the children bring in a pair of shoes that are suitable for outside e.g. welly boots and then another pair of shoes to wear indoors e.g. trainers. A plastic carrier bag to put the outdoor muddy shoes in after use would also be really helpful. A spare pair of socks would be ideal too. The children's outdoor shoes can sometimes get too muddy to wear throughout the day in the school building. Also, please do not send your children in clothes that you would not want to get muddy.

Adverse Weather

A letter previously went out regarding plans for adverse weather. You can find a copy on our school website under parents – letters or by following this link:

<https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/letters/>

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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.

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

New dates will be highlighted in yellow.



Thurs	18 th	Jan	PTA PJ day and Film Night	After School until 5pm - all children
Thurs	18 th	Jan	School Nurse visit for National Child Measurement Programme	Reception and Year 6 Only
Weds	24 th	Jan	Swimming Gala @ The Aquatics Centre	Invited children only
Mon	29 th	Jan	Storytelling Week begins	Whole School
Weds	31 st	Jan	Scholastic Book Fair begins	In school until 2/2/24
Weds	31 st	Jan	DEAR with a Twist	Whole School
Fri	2 nd	Feb	Shakespeare Class Assembly	All Shakespeare parents invited 9am start
Mon	5 th	Feb	Road Safety Training	Reception and Year 5 only
Mon	5 th	Feb	Kingswood Meeting	@3pm Shakespeare parents only
Tues	6 th	Feb	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Weds	7 th	Feb	Chinese Dance and Plate painting workshop	Whole School
Fri	9 th	Feb	Darwin Class Assembly	All Darwin parents invited 9am start
Fri	9 th	Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch	Whole School, with 8 parents
Fri	9 th	Feb	PTA Quiz Night	All parents/carers invited 7pm start
Fri	16 th	Feb	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	19 th	Feb	Half Term	Whole School
Return to school Monday 26th February 2024				
Mon	26 th	Feb	Year 6 SATS parents meeting	@ 3pm Year 6 parents only
Mon	4 th	Mar	INSET DAY	Whole School

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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
Fri	8 th	Mar	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Tues	12 th	Mar	KS1 Mother’s Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Ladies
Weds	13 th	Mar	KS2 Mother’s Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Ladies
Thurs	14 th	Mar	Class Photos	Whole School
Mon	25 th	Mar	Parents Evening	5pm-7pm
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				
Mon	15 th	Apr	Back to School	Whole School

INSET Days
Monday 4th March 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024



Potter Class @potter.class
Nightingale Class @nightingale.class
Darwin Class @charlesdarwin.class
Shakespeare Class @shakespeare.class
PTA @matchinggreenschoolpta.

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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/>