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6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to another busy Spring Term. Diary dates agreed so far are included in this letter and will be uploaded to the school website. These dates are constantly being updated and any additions or amendments will be included in the school's newsletters as well as published on our website.

Teacher Training Dates Reminder for rest of the Academic Year:

- Monday 24th July
- Tuesday 25th July

School News

It was great to see so many of the children wearing their Christmas Jumpers on the last Friday of the Autumn term and supporting the Save the Children Charity. A total of £136.91 was raised – thank you to all of you who sent in the £1 donation. Just a reminder that the hope is that all children and staff participating donate £1 for the chosen charity.

Parents Consultation Meetings

As previously shared, these meetings will be remote meetings through SchoolCloud. Details for booking meeting slots will follow later in this half term. In the interim, please note the dates and times of these meetings.

Wednesday 8 th March	-	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 15 th March	-	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Choir Members attending Young Voices Event at Genting Arena

The children have been busy practising for this event which takes place on Wednesday 25th January. If you have ordered tickets for the concert through school, then they are ready to collect from the school office. Unfortunately, we are unable to send them home with your child as the tickets will need to be signed for. A letter will be sent home with the children next week with all the final details for the day.

Emergency Contact Information

It is important that you keep us informed of any change of address or telephone numbers held on our database, associated with your child, to enable us to keep our records accurate and up to date. Please notify the school office of any changes. Thank you.

Rising 5 Admissions for September 2023

A reminder that if you have a child due to start school in September 2023 (date of birth between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) the closing date for applications is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. **Please note that you will still need to apply for a place, even if you live in our catchment area or have other children who already attend our school.**

School Essentials

Please can you ensure that your child has the following items in school at all times:

- Water bottle
- Waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves – These items are all important during colder months for use at break times and for outdoor learning.

Please make sure that **all** items (including any new school uniform) are named, so that they can be returned to their rightful owner should they become separated. It would also be well worth checking previously labelled items as they come out of the wash as names can often fade over time and become illegible. Thank you.

Congratulations

Former school governor and former Chief Executive of Nasen, Professor Adam Boddison, has been named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the New Year Honours List for his services to children and young people with SEND. On behalf of the whole school community, we send him our congratulations.

Timings of the School Day

May I remind you that children in years 1 to 6 *must* be in class **no later than 9.00 am**. The gates open at 8.50 am to allow for a 10-minute window for arrival in school. Reception children *must* be in class **no later than 9.05am**. Gates will be closed at 9.05 am.

If your child arrives after the start time, then they should report to the school office to be signed in as late as registration will have closed. Persistent lateness is regularly monitored and discussed with the school's attendance officer. Thank you for ensuring a smooth and prompt start to your child's learning day and for avoiding unnecessary interruption to the start of the day for all other children in their class.

Please read the following link on [Working together to improve attendance](#).

Extra-curricular Activities

Please see the timetable of clubs below that will be running during the Spring term. **Please note any changes to the days or timings of any clubs. Some clubs that were running during the Autumn term have now finished.**

Day	Name	Year Group	Provider	When
Mon	Gymnastics	Year 3 - 6	Flyte Gymnastics	Lunchtime
	Netball	Year 5 and 6	Miss Lole	Afterschool
	Lego Brick	Year 2	Mrs Yakovleva	Afterschool

Tues	Cross Country	Year 5 – 6	Mrs Baynes/Miss Lole	Lunchtime
	*Football	Year 6	Mr Hartopp	Afterschool
	*NEW Hockey	Year 5 and 6	Mrs Gould	Afterschool
	Punjabi	Year 1 – 6	Mrs Bains	After school
	Taekwondo	All year groups	Neil Guest	5 – 6 pm

Weds	*Tennis	Year 2	Lynda Flynn	Lunchtime
	Choir	Year 3 - 6	Ms Wright/Mrs Moffatt/Mrs Sedgebear	Lunchtime
	Punjabi	Years 1 – 6	Mrs Bains	After school
	Dance	All year groups	Leivers Dance	After school

Thurs	Gymnastics		Flyte Gymnastics	Lunchtime
	Orchestra	Years 5 and 6	Jude Rees	Lunchtime
	**NEW German	Year 3 and 4	Mrs Ellefredt	Lunchtime

Fri	Gymnastics	Years 1 and 2	Flyte Gymnastics	Lunchtime
	Rowing	Year 6	Miss Lole	Lunchtime
	*Girls Football	Year 5 and 6	DF Sport Coaching	After school
	*NEW Badminton	Year 2	Miss Lole	After school

*Letters have been sent out for parents to complete to sign their child up to attend this club.

** Electronic version of this information accompanies this week's newsletter for parents to complete an online, subscription to this club direct with the external provider.

Flyte Gymnastics – There are still places available for lunchtime gymnastics. To make a booking, please visit: www.flytegymnastics.co.uk

Cool Milk – Reception, Year 1 and 2

Unfortunately, the school milk delivery this week has not been made even after reassurances that the delivery issue would be sorted. Cool Milk have been in touch with their dairy provider to ensure that our deliveries will be met next week and we will monitor the situation. Cool Milk send their apologies and have confirmed that parents' accounts will be credited accordingly for the past three days.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Themed Lunch – Thursday 19th January

We will be holding The Very Hungry Caterpillar Themed Lunch on Thursday, 19th January and would like to invite all children to participate. As with all meal bookings, you will need to select your child's chosen meal via ParentPay using the 'book meals' option used for all school meal choices.

You may have already noticed that this menu has been available on ParentPay since the end of last term and so may have already booked it. Bookings must be made by Thursday 12th January as no bookings can be made after this date.

A letter containing further information was sent home with your child on Wednesday this week.

Safeguarding Reminder – 'Nut-Free' School

A reminder that due to a child who has an extremely sensitive allergy to nuts, we would like to ask **ALL** parents for their support in making Stivichall a 'nut-free' school. This will mean that no nuts can be brought to school by any children, parents or staff, in packed lunches or snacks, including in nut 'spreads' such as Nutella and Peanut Butter/paste and bars such as Buenos. We really do appreciate your full support on this – even close contact with another child who has consumed nuts that day can result in a severe reaction (potentially life threatening) for this child. Thank you.

Birthday Sweets and Treats

As a healthy school, a number of years ago, we made the decision not to distribute sweets/treats when it is a child's birthday. This includes sweets for other celebrations. I am sure that as parents you will find lots of other ways in which to celebrate your child's special day. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Eco Tip

Each week, our Eco Warriors will be sharing an 'Eco-Tip of the Week' with you in our newsletter. We will also be keeping the school website and Twitter updated with what the Eco team have been up to.

This week's top eco tip: Try to take the bus or walk to places instead of driving – Max, 4S



Yours sincerely

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Diary Dates – Spring Term 2023

January 2023

Wed 4	First Day back at school	
Thu 5	Reception and Year 6 Heights & Weights	
Wed 11	Continuation of Forest School for class 3P and 5P	
Tue 17	Afternoon Early Bird Session	3.20 – 3.45 pm
Wed 18	Last Forest School session for class 3P and 5P	9.00 am
Thu 19	Year 3 Conductive Workshops in school	All day
	The Hungry Caterpillar Themed Lunch	
	Class 6S Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	9.05 am
	Class 1/2M Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	2.45 pm
Fri 20	Year 5 Conductive Workshops in school	All day
Mon 23	First Forest School session for class 1S and 2S	
Tue 24	St Martin's Church Visit in school for Year 1	
Wed 25	Hockey Tournament	pm
	Choir to Young Voices at Resorts World Arena	12.30 – 9.30 pm

February

Thu 2	Class 4S Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	9.05 am
Mon 6	Last Forest School session for class 1S	
Tue 7	Safer Internet Day	All day
	First Year 6 Maths Booster session	8.00 am
Wed 8	First Year 6 Reading Booster session	8.00 am
Fri 10	PTA Movie Night	
Mon 13	First Forest School session for class 1P	
Tue 14	Romeo and Juliet Themed Lunch	
Thu 16	Class 5/6M Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	9.05 am
	Class 1P Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	2.45 pm
Mon 20-24	Half term week	
Mon 27	Last Forest School session for class 2S	

March

Thu 2	World Book Day	All day
Mon 6	First Forest School session for class 2P	
Wed 8	Parents Evening	3.30 – 7.00 pm
Mon 13	First Forest School session for class 1/2M	
Wed 15	Parents Evening	3.30 – 7.00 pm
Thu 16	International Pi Day Themed Lunch	
	Class 6P Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	9.05 am
	Class 2P Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	2.45 pm
Fri 24	PTA Discos: EYFS/KS1 KS2	5.00 – 6.00 pm 6.30 – 8.00 pm
Mon 27	Last Forest School for class 1/2M	
Tue 28	Class 5S and 5P to St Martin's Church – Easter Cracked	am
	KS1 Spring Walk	2.00 pm
	KS2 House Cross Country	2.30 pm
Thu 30	Reception Vision Screening	
	Class 3S Assembly: Parents welcome to attend	9.05 am
Fri 31	Last Day of Spring Term	

April

Mon 3 – Fri 14	Easter Holiday	8.00 am
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***Year 6 SATs week – Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May**