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Opening doors to our future.

I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. Revelation 3:8

11th February 2022



"Be yourself, because the people who *mind* don't matter. And the people that *matter*, don't *mind*."
– Dr. Seuss

Dear Parents/Carers,

So, the last day of term has arrived and it makes us smile to see children around the school "dressed to express" as part of Children's Mental Health Week. What an excellent way to finish the term!



Our Core Christian Values: Respect, Responsibility, Community, Friendship, Forgiveness, Courage.

As always, the children's resilience, energy and just fabulousness continues to permeate throughout the school, their books are full of excellent work and we have really enjoyed listening to them tell us how much they have learned, despite all the difficulties this term!! Our children always shine through the cloudiest of days!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their amazing commitment to providing the very best education for our children, we could not have got through this term without their brilliant sense of team and simple hard work! The Governors, Staff and Leadership Team would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all our parents for their unending support and patience through the class closures and disruption this half term. We are very grateful for your kindness and understanding.

Curriculum News

Our theme this term is **'Discover'** with a focus on History. Year 6 hosted a fantastic art and poetry exhibition to mark Holocaust Memorial Day as part of their work on World War Two. The children displayed maturity and compassion throughout their learning of the Holocaust and other genocides; reflected in the work that they produced.



Parent/Teacher Meetings- Wednesday 23rd February

You should have received a letter inviting you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher during the first week back after half term. Please ensure these are returned by Tuesday 22nd February at the latest.

Events coming up...

There are lots more exciting events coming up over the term including:

Thursday 3rd March 'World Book Day' - dress as a favourite book character

Wednesday 16th March – Young Carers Day – wear jazzy socks



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Friday 18th March 'Mad Scientist Day' which will mark the end of our Science week. This coincides with Red Nose Day and we will be collecting donations on the gates in the morning.

School Dinners

Please ensure that **all** school dinners are booked in advance by Thursday evening, the week preceding (before) your child's booking. We need this information and payment to pre-order the food to ensure we have sufficient stock and avoid waste.

Masks on Site

After the half term, we will no longer ask parents to wear masks in the playground, however for Parent Consultations, we do ask for parents to continue to wear masks, due to high volumes of footfall, in order to protect pupils, parents and staff from possible infection.

Wishing you all a fabulous half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 22nd February**.

Best wishes,
Gina Bailey

Casey Cox

Executive Headteacher

Head of School

Value of next half term: Friendship

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th February- Monday 21st February: Half term (including a non-pupil day on Monday 21st Feb)

Tuesday 22nd February: First day of Spring Term 2

Wednesday 23rd February: Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 1st March: Y3 & 4 Visit to the Harlow Islamic Centre

Wednesday 2nd March: Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop in school

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day- Dress as a book character

Wednesday 16th March: Young Carers Day (wear jazzy socks)

Monday 14th – Friday 18th March: Science Week

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day combined with dress as a 'Mad scientist' Day- donations welcomed

Tuesday 22nd March: Year 4 Ancient Greece Workshop

Wednesday 23rd March: Reception trip to Boydells Dairy Farm

Monday 28th March: Y1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

Tuesday 29th March: House Games

Friday 1st April: Last day of term- Early finish 1.30pm

Monday 4th- Monday 18th April: Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April: First day of Summer Term

Monday 9th- Friday 13th May: Year 6 SATS Week

Tuesday 24th- Friday 27th May: Year 6 Residential to Thriftwood