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...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life

## Term 3

It has felt like the longest term ever but if you blinked you would have missed it! Term 3 is done and we now look forward to term 4, lighter mornings and evenings, warmer weather and the arrival of the Easter bunny! Term 3 has been long but it has been thoroughly enjoyable and successful. There has been so much excellent work happening in and out of the classrooms and so many reasons to be even prouder (if possible) of our children, staff and school! We had our OFSTED – we still await the final report! We are very keen to share it with you but until we get the final report our hands are tied! Have a relaxing half term and remember Monday 20<sup>th</sup> is an Inset day – children return on Tuesday 21st.

# Young at heart

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10 children from Bodle Street went to Young at Heart. Young at Heart is a local day club for old age pensioners – it provides an opportunity to come together and meet others in a friendly and supportive environment. We have supported the charity for about 5 years now. However this was no ordinary visit- the children were joined in their visit by the Lord Lieutenant – Andrew Blackman. The children read to the members and shared their topic work and their wonderful river poems.





As always it was a wonderful visit- with both the children and member getting so much from it.

Yesterday I received a wonderful letter from the Lord Lieutenant who said

...'it is always a pleasure to meet children who are polite, cheerful and confident.'

Well done everyone!

# **Internet safety day**

This week has seen our tiny little school join thousands of schools, colleges, businesses across the globe celebrating and educating about Internet safety. It is an ideal opportunity to revisit, with your children, the measures you have in place at home. There is lots of information on our website or if you have a specific question please do not hesitate to contact me/us.

# World book day

We will be celebrating World Book day again this year. Promoting a love of reading is essential – so many studies highlight the benefits of reading and reading regularly. Without good reading skills it makes it so difficult to access ALL other areas. There is a letter coming home today with some dates and a competition we would like as many people to enter as we can.

# **Hewson Enterprises**

Last week we had Helen in from Hewson Enterprises to talk about her disability and her life. It was a wonderful morning – the children engaged asked some excellent questions. It was a wonderful insight into the life and challenges of someone else.



#### **PE Kit**

On Thursday's the whole school (apart from those swimming) have PE. We have allowed children to come in wearing their PE kit as this helps with timings. However, we now have children coming in wearing football kits and everything but PE kit. If your child does not have the correct PE kit this can be purchased from the school office. If you are unsure of the requirement the uniform policy is on the school website but it states

On their PE days, children will need to come in dressed in their PE clothes with a school sweatshirt on top

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black or grey joggers or shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls

Children not wearing the correct PE kit will not be allowed to participate in PE.

# Stay and play

We are inviting the parents of our early year's children to come and 'stay and play'. On three mornings in term 4 you are invited to come in and see what your child does in class. The dates are below. Hopefully it will be a fantastic opportunity for you to have an insight into your child's school day.

### <u>Disco</u>

FODS will be holding a spring DISCO on March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a book character theme – to coincide with word book day. We will also hold a mufti day during the day- this will also be book characters.

# **Upcoming dates**

Dates for your diary .... (will be updated regularly please keep checking)

#### **February**

20<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY 21<sup>st</sup> First day of term 4 22<sup>nd</sup> Stay and Play – EYFS 22<sup>nd</sup> Netball tournament w/b 27<sup>th</sup> Bodle St parental meals

#### March

## 1<sup>st</sup> Stay And play – EYFS

3<sup>rd</sup> Open afternoon 2:30pm w/b 6<sup>th</sup> Brightling parental meals

# 8<sup>th</sup> Stay and Play – EYFS

8<sup>th</sup> Parents evenings 3:30pm

9<sup>th</sup> Parents evenings 6pm

10<sup>th</sup> Mufti day – Book characters

# 10th FODS DISCO

16<sup>th</sup> Big Dance – Brightling class

17<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief mufti

23<sup>rd</sup> Little Sing – Year 2

24<sup>th</sup> Welly Walk

29<sup>th</sup> Hockey tournament – Brightling class

31<sup>st</sup> Easter egg hunt Last day of term

### <u>April</u>

17th First day of term 5

### Term dates 2022/2023

Term	Start date	End date
Term 2	Monday 31	Friday 16
	October	December
Christmas	Monday 19	Monday 2
school	December	January
holiday		
Term 3	Tuesday 3	Friday 10
	January	February
February	Monday 13	Friday 17
school	February	February
holiday		

Term 4	Tuesday 21	Friday 31
	February	March
Spring	Monday 3	Friday 14
school	April	April
holiday		
Term 5	Monday 17	Friday 26
	April	May
May school	Monday 29	Friday 2 June
holiday	May	
Term 6	Monday 5	Friday 21
	June	July