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Friday 9th February 2024

End of Spring Term One Updates

Dear families,

We have reached the end of Spring term one rather quickly! We have had a lot to fit in, in a very short space of time. The second half of this term is just as short. The children will return to school on Monday 19th February and break up for the Easter break on Friday 22nd March. They will then return from the Easter break on Tuesday 9th April (Monday 8th April is an INSET day).

For those children entitled to benefit-related free school meals, vouchers will be issued for the holiday period. You will receive £10 per child, and they can be accessed via text or email that will be sent out tomorrow. If your child does not currently receive benefit-related free school meals, please check the following website for eligibility criteria and to apply online: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>. Benefit-related free school meals are different to universal free school meals, and you will only receive the voucher if you have applied for and are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals (this can be confusing, so please contact the school if you need any support with this).

Speaking of school meals, it won't be long before we move to a new catering provider. This week, every child from reception to year six received an allergy form that needs to be completed and sent into school by Monday 19th February. It is vital that school is kept updated about any allergies your child has. Further information about our new catering provider and the meals they will serve will be sent out in the near future.

Well done to Pear Class. They have had the highest attendance this half term and as a result they have chosen to have a cinema afternoon with snacks as a reward for their above average attendance.

For your child to get the most out of their education, it is imperative that they are in school and on time every day. When children miss time from school, they miss chunks of their learning, and this can create difficulties for the child in the future. There is a strong correlation between high levels of attendance and excellent educational outcomes. As a parent of a primary aged child, it is your responsibility to ensure your child is attending school regularly. If you are having any difficulties with getting your child to school each day, you must speak to us so we can support you. Lack of attendance at school is a safeguarding concern, and fines of £1000 can be issued by the local authority as well as possible court action. For any of our children who have excellent attendance and punctuality next half term (98%+ and on time every day), they will receive an Easter egg.

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Thank you to the parents who attended our e-safety workshops this week. We understand that keeping your child safe in the real world is hard, and the added addition of the digital world adds to these complexities. There is lots of information available to support parents to navigate the digital world and we will add this to our school website. Please do speak to us if you want any advice and support.

We wish all our families a wonderful break, and we look forward to hearing about the children's adventures on their return.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Grasby
Headteacher