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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half-term and feel rested. The children have settled back into school and did excellent work this week.

Y5

Y5 had a hectic week: performing at the Shaw Theatre until late on Tuesday night (like professionals) and their PGL residential.

The Tempest

The performance was fantastic! The children were confident, spoke clearly and knew all their lines. We were very proud of them. Thank you to all Y5 parents and carers for your support and for coming to watch the show. I saw many proud parents and carers in the audience.

PGL

Y5 enjoyed a fantastic few days away at PGL! The soggy weather did not dampen their spirits in any way, and they took full advantage of the exciting activities offered. We were proud to receive compliments from PGL staff remarking on what a lovely, adventurous and resilient class Y5 are. Thank you to the adults who gave up their time to make the residential possible.

Forgiveness

This half term, our value is forgiveness. We thought about how to forgive and start again in our assembly. We used famous quotes to help foster a deeper understanding of forgiveness: 'It takes a stronger person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to forgive', and 'When we forgive, you don't change the past, but you do change the future'. The children explored ways they could forgive each other. We also talked about Jesus preaching about love, compassion, gratefulness, and forgiveness.

Music at St John's

We are holding a music concert for the parents of Y4, Y5, and Y6 on the **19th March** at **2.45 pm**. We would love to showcase what the children have been learning in Music. We hope to see you there.





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Attendance

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in primary and secondary school.

The school's target is 100% attendance. Thank you to parents and children for arriving at school on time and for being present everyday.

Department for Education's attendance guidance

96-100% - Good to excellent

93-95.9% - Beginning to cause concern

90-92.9% - Significant concern

Below 90%* 85%* - unacceptable level

Nut Free

Please be reminded that we are a nut and sesame seed free school. We have noticed that some children are bringing in cereal bars containing sesame seeds, and nut spreads in sandwiches. We have a number of students with serious nut and sesame seed allergies, and with this in mind, we politely remind you to ensure products containing nuts or sesame seeds are not sent into school.

Key Spring Term 2 dates:

Monday 26th February - Y4, Y5, Y6 Guildhall careers event

Tuesday 12th March - Prom Praise at The Royal Albert Hall (Y4, Y5 and Y6 choir)

Tuesday 19th March - 2.45 pm Music concert (Y4, Y5 and Y6)

Tuesday 26th March - 2:00 pm Easter Service at Christ Church (All parents are welcome)

Thursday 28th March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March - End of Term - **1.30pm**

As always, thank you for your support. I hope you have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Ms H Khan
Head of School

