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Friday, 14th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half-term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together. Over the past six weeks, our school community has been bustling with activity, from enriching educational outings to inspiring visits from special guests. These experiences have provided the children with valuable opportunities to expand their knowledge, develop new skills, and deepen their understanding of the world around them. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by our pupils, as well as the dedication and commitment of our staff. Their collective efforts have made this half-term successful.

School uniform

I have noticed that a number of children are regularly coming to school wearing incorrect uniform and PE kit. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of adhering to our school uniform policy and to ask for your support in ensuring that the children arrive in the correct attire.

Wearing the correct uniform is important for several reasons. It fosters a sense of belonging and pride in our school community, promotes equality among pupils, and helps create a focused and respectful learning environment. Additionally, the PE kit is essential for ensuring that children can participate safely and comfortably in physical activities.

Recently, there have been instances of children wearing trainers with visible branding. Please note that, in line with our uniform policy, children should wear plain black shoes or trainers. If you are unsure about what constitutes the correct uniform or PE kit, please refer to the detailed guidelines available on our school website.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. By working together, we can ensure that our children present themselves smartly and are ready to make the most of their learning opportunities.

Safer Internet Day

On Monday our excellent digital leaders led an assembly to raise awareness about Internet safety. This year the theme for Internet Safety Day is Too good to be true?

Safer Internet Day is an important event dedicated to promoting the safe and responsible use of online technology. A special thank you to the parents who attended the parent workshop—your involvement and





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support are invaluable in helping us create a safer digital environment for our children. The slides from the workshop are available on our website.

Why is it important to keep revisiting how to stay safe online? The digital world is constantly evolving, with new platforms, apps, and technologies emerging regularly. This brings both opportunities and risks. By regularly discussing online safety, we equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the internet responsibly, protect their personal information, and recognise potential dangers such as cyberbullying, scams, or inappropriate content. Additionally, reinforcing these messages helps build a culture of awareness and accountability, ensuring that staying safe online becomes a shared priority for both the school and the wider community.

FOSJ

As always, a huge thank you to the FOSJ team for everything they do to ensure our children continue to receive an amazing education and enriching experiences. The Valentine's Day bake sale and gift buying was a fantastic success! Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased the delicious treats—your support is greatly appreciated.

We will be holding a few more bake sales in the future, but I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are a healthy school. As such, children are not allowed to bring sugary items to school. We encourage everyone to support our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits and well-being.

Key dates for next half term:

24th February 2025 - Back to school - 8.55 am

26th February 2025 - Friday 28th February 2025 - Year 5 PGL Marchants Hill

5th March 2025 - Year 4 Reading Breakfast - 8.30 am - 9.00 am (All Y4 parents are welcome)

6th March 2025 - World Book Day

7th March 2025 - Year 3 Class Assembly - 2.50 pm - 3.30 pm

12th March 2025 - Year 5 Reading Breakfast - 8.30 am - 9.00 am (All Y5 parents are welcome)

14th March 2025 - Year 2 Class Assembly - 2.50 pm - 3.30 pm

14th March 2025 - Year 5 Performance of Macbeth - Shaw Theatre





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19th March 2025 - Year 6 Reading Breakfast - 8.30 am - 9.00 am (All Y6 parents are welcome)

21st March 2025 - Year 1 Class Assembly - 2.50 pm - 3.30 pm

28th March 2025 - Reception Class Assembly - 2.50 pm - 3.30 pm

2nd April 2025 - Easter Service 2 pm - St Augustine's Church

3rd April 2025 - Class Photos

4th April 2025 - Easter Bonnet Parade -12.45pm

4th April 2025 - End of term - 1.30 pm

As we approach the break, I hope that everyone—children and staff takes the opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term of learning and growth.

Have a wonderful break

With warm regards,

Ms. H. Khan

Head of School

