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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you have had a restful half-term and were able to take some time for yourself. It was lovely to see the sun this week; it feels like spring has arrived at last.

As always, our school is busy with many exciting activities — we certainly like to keep busy! Although this half term is a short one, it is packed with events. Please check the website regularly for key dates and further information.

Ash Wednesday service

The Ash Wednesday service was truly meaningful. Andy helped us to understand why the season of Lent is so important for Christians and what it means to reflect and prepare during this special time. The children sang wonderfully, and the House Captains carried out their roles very well.

Thank you to the Christ Church team for leading such a special service, and to all the parents who came to support us.

World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day, which can sometimes feel like it comes around very quickly! FOSJ will be holding a costume swap day on Monday — please speak to Petuch or Alice for more details.

We recognise that for some children, events like this or changes to routine can feel overwhelming, and some may become dysregulated. If your child does not wish to dress up, that is absolutely fine. Please do not feel any pressure to do anything special. Our priority is that all children feel comfortable and are able to enjoy the day in a way that feels right for them.

The Book Fair will be here until next Thursday. The school receives a generous percentage of the total amount of money raised. If you are able to, please do consider buying a book or two to help support the school.

Y5 PGL trip

This week, our Year 5 children went on their residential trip to Surrey. They have had the most wonderful time. For some children, this was their first time being away from home — a very big step. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned many new skills.

A huge thank you to Miss Kirby, Mr Drysdale, Michaela and Ruth for giving up their time to take the children on this trip. They truly are the dream team!





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Mrs Slack

This week is Mrs Slack's last week with us for a little while, as she begins a very special new chapter in her life. She will be greatly missed by us all - staff, children and families.

We send her our very best wishes as she prepares to welcome her baby, and we pray for a safe and healthy arrival. Knowing Mrs Slack, we are sure she will keep in touch and visit when she can — she often says that our school is her extended family.

We wish her every happiness during this exciting time and very much look forward to meeting Baby Slack!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and lots of sunshine.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

Key dates for next week

Book fair - Monday 2nd March - Thursday 5th March

Monday 2nd March - Y4,Y5 and Y6 at the Guildhall careers event (Please be on time. The children are leaving at 9am)

Tuesday 3rd March - 9.00am - Keeping Families Safe workshop for Parents (Maberley Hall)

Wednesday 4th March - Y4 to Pizza Express (Please be on time. The children are leaving at 9am)

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Reception Class Assembly – 2.50pm

